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Your ancient gumdrops still arouse desire in my heart:

I want to join the street-brats who tag the peanut man.

A little while ago there sailed on the Aegean Sea

One of the brave adventurers who sired your race superb;

Another helped to check the Persians at Thermopylae-

A pity that their blood sells peanuts on the dirty curb!

And yet you gave heaped handfuls of your savory, roasted gold Into the faded apron of the little girl who's blind;

V. Symacopulos, you may be ugly, poor and old—

I think great Hector never had a heart so warm and kind! Mabel Rice Bigler.

#### Some Candid Comments

On Our Rapidly Dying Year

THE Munitions Manufacturers --May there be a dozen more like it!

The Boys in the Trenches—I wonder how many more?

The Doctors—That infantile paralysis scare worked fine, didn't it?

Four Hundred Thousand Railroad Men—Well, I guess we bluffed 'em that time!

The President—Well, we got through it peaceably, anyway.

Josephus D.—I wonder why they pick on me?

The Allies-Well, I guess we've got started at last!

The Kaiser-Now, I wonder if I could have made a mistake.

The Rest of the Germans-(Deleted by the Censor.)

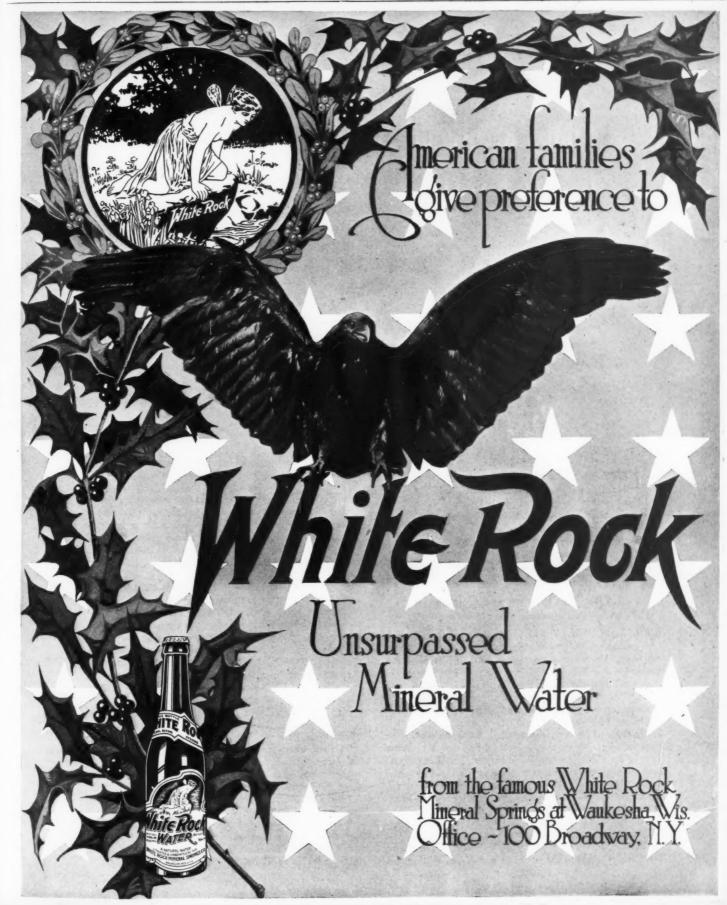
Everybody—Good Lord, another one gone!

#### Going Up

IN an authorized interview with Signor Guido Guidi, who recently broke the world's records by climbing to a height of twenty-five thousand eight hundred feet in his aeroplane, the renowned Italian aviator remarked that his chief fear while among the clouds was that he would suddenly bump into the price of coal or the price of wheat. Both, fortunately, continued a considerable distance above him.



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#### Insufficiency

LOVE you? Perhaps not as I once knew love, An all-consuming passion of the soul. Doubt you? In truth. It is a heritage, From all the past affections that have died. Care for you? Oh, my dearest, with a great, Protecting tenderness, the sympathy And human longings that are unfulfilled, With the last passion of an empty heart!

#### Our Men's Sufferance Column

(Two Hundred Years Hence)

MR. A. SQUIBLEY SPEERS demanded that his wife go out yesterday afternoon and let him take care of the baby. Upon her stern refusal he flew into a passion, grabbed the crib and broke it into a hundred pieces, and then tried to destroy the garage with a new tin hatchet.

Mr. Pumpdyke Buncomb took advantage of his wife's absence yesterday afternoon and evening and stole into his house and cooked the dinner, set the table, and was busily engaged in washing the dishes, when she came home unexpectedly and requested him to perform his normal functions, which consisted of putting his feet on the mantelpiece, smoking a large cigar and reading the evening paper. He immediately left the house and called a meeting of some of his companions, and they proceeded to the town hall, which they blew up with dynamite. Mr. Buncomb is now being forcibly fed by three buxom young ladies employed for the purpose.

Mr. G. Percy Mutt applied for the position of chambermaid and waitress at the house of one of our leading residents on Wednesday, and when his request for employment was politely refused he went out to the local garage, secured a five-gallon can of gasoline and set fire to the house of the innocent lady who had turned him down. The authorities were at first inclined to put him into jail, but when he explained that he was doing this on principle because he believed in the rights of mankind in general, he was fined thirty cents, and the judge and he indulged in an ice-cream soda, to show that there were no hard feelings.

Mr. Banger Stilt entered the local post office yesterday, and noticing that the postmaster was reading some postal cards which were written by some male friends of his to each other, he promptly threw a nursing bottle, filled with oxalic acid, at the postmaster's head, and practically destroyed all of the incoming mail, including the comic supplements of several Sunday papers. He was confined in the mothers' club for four hours and was obliged to listen to the lectures. This is the most drastic punishment which has ever been meted out to misguided males.

Mr. Billingsgate Hottaire addressed a crowded meeting of belligerent men yesterday in the public square. Among other things he said:

"Unless we can cook our own meals, make our own beds, nurse our own children, and put hot mustard plasters on our wives when they need this treatment, this government will have to stop. Are you with me?"

"We are with you, now and forever!" came the hearty response.

Thereupon the meeting dispersed, after the members had taken the roof off of several buildings and torn up the public roads on their way home, merely to show that the authorities could not have their own way always.

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" DON'T BARK, RAGS. IT'S THE BUTCHER BOY, AND YOU MIGHT FRIGHTEN HIM AWAY.

#### Unrealized

CAME to make a protest about the city snow," I said, politely; although I instantly realized that there was a marked coldness between us.

"Sit down on that morris ice chair," said Jack 'rost, rather sharply I "What's the matter with thought. the city snow?"

"It ought not to be," I replied. "When you spread your mantle, you ought to skip the cities. Snow is a beautiful thing-in its place. It doesn't belong in cities."

"I didn't make the cities," said Mr. Frost. "Just because they spring up in any old place is no reason why my snow system should be interfered with."

"You spoil the good name of all snow-you give it a black eye. You ought to make exceptions. On behalf of a company of our leading citizens I ask you to make a minimum snow line, beginning on the outskirts."

He froze me with a look.

" I'll do it on one condition," he said. " Well? "

"I'll stop snowing in cities if you will do away with their slums, their graft, their vulgar rich and their bad manners."

"Well, at any rate," I said as I rose and, putting on my coon-skin gloves, held out my hand, "I'm glad to have met you."

"Don't mention it," said J. F., with a quiet, superior smile.

"ONCE upon a midnight dreary, As I pondered, weak and weary, it occurred to me that the cause of my despondency was that it was Monday night and I had neglected to order Tuesday's LIFE in advance from my newsdealer. And then

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All the streets are blocked?

The last train has just gone?

You are held up by some bore?

You see the most beautiful girl in the world?

Your watch is wrong?

The other person is late and you are kept waiting an hour?

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AT DINNER THE woman sitting opposite. The hostess. The quality of the wine.

AT THE THEATRE The people across the aisle. Politics. Psychic phenomena. Russian literature.

Out Walking Sunsets. Sunrises. Sunbursts.

IN THE PARK The scattered population of New York. The increasing number of motor cars. The high cost of living.

At the Opera The occupants of the boxes. Narcotics.

WHEN DANCING The latest submarine disaster. Settlement work. The traffic problem of New York.

AT THE RACES The color of the jockey's hair. The possibility of rain. Yachting.

AT A WEDDING The depression of the groom. The whereabouts of the champagne. Celibacy.

AT SUPPER The lateness of the hour. The merit of sleep. Indigestion.

WHEN SHOPPING The shops in Paris. The low prices in Londop-The waiting taxi.

Ат Номе Your friends.

Your troubles.

WHEN PLAYING BRIDGE The Shakespearian drama. The Darwinian theory. Mars.

WHEN CALLING Winter resorts. Insane asylums. Nature.

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#### Supplying a New Need

A SOCIETY of people who are minding other people's business has just been formed. Will you join?

The crying need of such a society has long been evident. It is true that there are a number of people in this country who are minding other people's business; but they are doing it only during the intervals when they are not engaged in pushing their own fortunes. By making it the main object of all our lives and putting it on a systematic basis, we shall lift our country up to heights of Anglo-Saxon ideals hitherto unsuspected.

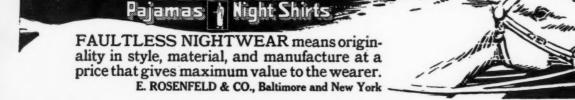
Among other courses of instruction are the following:

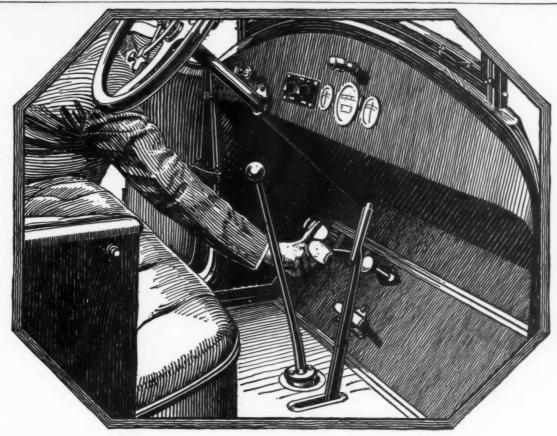
Making other people do as you think they ought to. This is a general direction and involves practice and acquired skill, persistence, loquacity and superciliousness. Above all things you must be supercilious. To be able to say, "We could, of course, have gotten a car like yours if we had wanted to, but we thought it better to get one that we could rely upon," depends entirely upon one's sense of the fitness and efficiency of superciliousness. Almost anybody can mind anybody else's business and get some kind of a result. But it looks easier than it actually is. You mustn't be such a bungler at it as to exasperate your neighbor to the pitch of his refusing to have anything more to do with you. Your plan is to keep him gently stirred up. It is a nice art.

Minding other people's business can be divided into City and Suburban. It is much more difficult to mind other people's business in the city than it is in the suburbs. In the city you can't get at your neighbors properly. If you wish to take the thirty-third degree therefore, by all means, live in the suburbs. Your neighbor's garden, his house, his furniture, his wife, his servants, his auto and horse and all that is his are the raw material for the production of business-minding masterpieces, which, in the city, could only be produced under the most trying conditions.

After joining our society, do not be discouraged if at first you make small progress. But if you should become too much discouraged, read for your inspiration the lives of our most prominent suffragettes, missionaries and prohibitionists. Minding other people's business will then soon become second nature. It will only remain for you to perfect your method under our admirable system of instruction.

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#### Saving a Mind

CERSIMAS FILE

O<sup>NCE</sup> upon a time there was a man who possessed the unusual faculty of valuing his own mind. His friends chaffed him about it. He often apologized. "It isn't much of a mind," he said, "but it's mine, and I take a real interest in it."

The man had a great deal of trouble in knowing where to keep his mind. At first he took it about with him. But the newspapers and magazines got hold of it on the cars and almost worried it to death, until the man himself couldn't recognize it.

So he got into the habit of locking it up in his library.

When he got home and let it out it was mighty glad to see him. It would jump up at him and wag its tail, and he and his mind would enjoy being together very much. But after a while he noticed that his mind was growing pale and thin. It wasn't getting enough exercise. It began to take on a library or prison pallor. There was an unreality about it that the man didn't like. It wasn't healthy.

The man grew anxious about his mind from that moment and began to devote himself to finding out how to keep it in condition. He put it up at a philosophical club, a historical society, a post-graduate boarding-school, an editorial office—in fact he tried everything. It was no use.

"Why," said the mind, "do you persist in trying to take care of me, when you have to make a living?"

"I'm attached to you," said the man. "As a companion, I prefer you to anyone else. But I see now that I shall have to give you up if I wish to save you."

"Permit me to make a suggestion," said the mind. "Board me out in the country in some vacant lot where I can keep normal and get enough exercise in the fresh air, and come out and visit me as often as you can. I suggest this as a last resort."

At the end of six months the man went out to meet his mind, which he found full of health and vigor.

"I'm ready to go back with you now," said the mind. "I'm in prime condition."

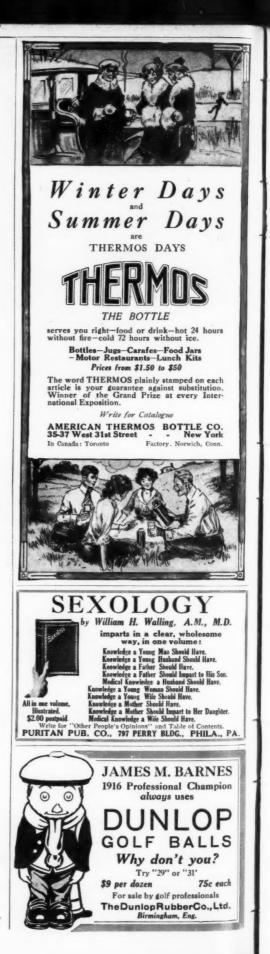
But the man shook his head.

"Better stay where you are," he said. "Nobody I go with misses you. You're better off here. I don't need you in town-really, I don't."

T. L. M.

**E**VE (in the course of the quarrel): You don't know beans.

"Well, I didn't name the vegetables.'





Engineer Thomas Loftus of the "Twentieth Century Limited," New York Central Lines. He carries a Hamilton Watch. Engineer James Bailey of "The Olympian," Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway He carries a Hamilton Watch. Engineer Lewis C. Henry of the "Broadway Limited," Pennsylvania Railroad. He carries a Hamilton Watch. Engineer Wm. S. Hair of the "Santa Fe De Luxe," Santa Fe Railroad. He carries a Hamilton Watch. 993

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Railroad men buy watches built for accuracy and durability, and these men made the Hamilton Watch famous. The Hamilton Watch combines the supreme qualities accuracy, beauty and durability.

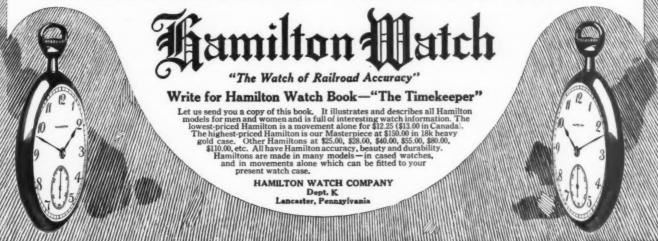
Railroad men and jewelers will endorse the Hamilton Watch—*every Hamilton*. There are no low-grade Hamiltons — no Hamiltons with less than 17 jewels— no Hamiltons that are not properly adjusted before leaving the factory — no Hamiltons that are not guaranteed to give complete satisfaction to the user.

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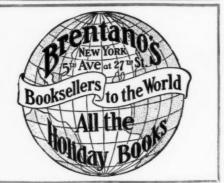
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"YOU'VE FORGOTTEN TO ASK GOD TO MAKE YOU A GOOD BOY."

"GEE WHIZ! MOTHER, I DON'T WANT TO BE ANY GOODER THAN I AM. I DON'T BE-LIEVE I COULD STAND IT."





- HOW dear to my heart" are the gowns of my trousseau
- As trips to the garret reveal them to view.
- In them, I recapture "that first careless rapture"
  - Of waist, eighteen inches, and bust, thirty-two.
- It's not that they thrill me and tenderly fill me
- With memory of honeymoon kisses from Jim;
- But sweetly and sadly and gladly and madly
- They speak of the days when I used to be slim.

Hazel Macfarlane.

#### The Flawbiters

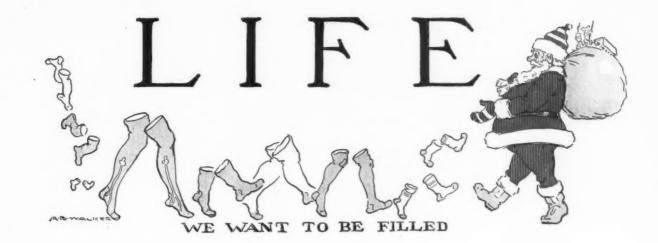
TOLSTOI has laid down the doctrine that if one wishes to acquire a reputation for intellectual superiority he has but to criticize. To pick flaws in everything—the paintings in an art gallery the latest book, one's neighbor—is to mount the ladder of intellectual fame.

Flawbitis is by no means new. Tolstoi did not claim that it was new. He called attention to it.

But while the disease, Flawbitis, is unquestionably old, it has never flourished as it is now flourishing, probably because it has never had the right soil. Certainly, in America, to attempt to discover a person who has not a touch of Flawbitis would be a futile undertaking. The Flawbiters, could they be organized, would undoubtedly carry the presidency. The main difficulty is that they would never agree which man to put up, but would pass most of their time in picking flaws in the candidates.

The antidote for Flawbitis is, of course, to overlook the minor defects, to lend one's self to the spirit of the occasion, to remain in sympathy with the object. This requires, however, so much first hand knowledge, united with patience and experience and charity, that no person of any superior intelligence in these smart days can be expected to undertake it.

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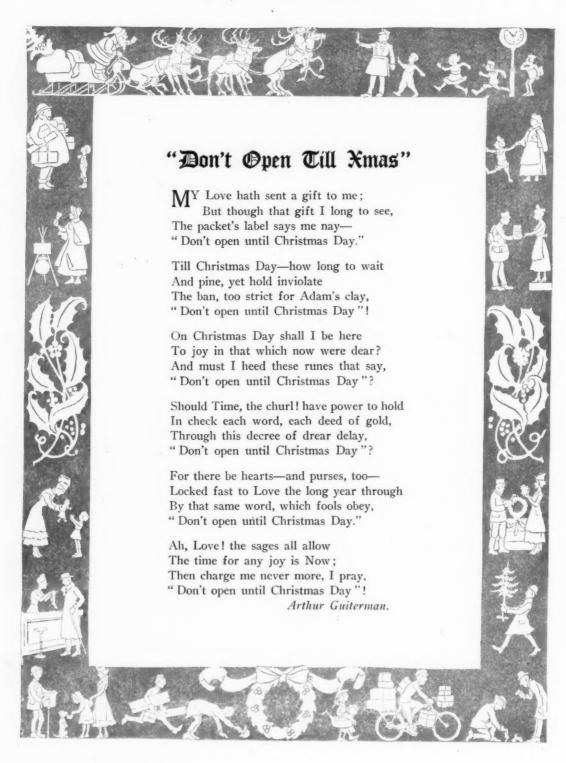


"PAPA, what are the Allies?" "All the world, my son, except one diminishing spot on the map."

"OSCULATORY demonstration may be all right," mused the mistletoe, "but-ahem!-as a rule I am above that sort of thing."

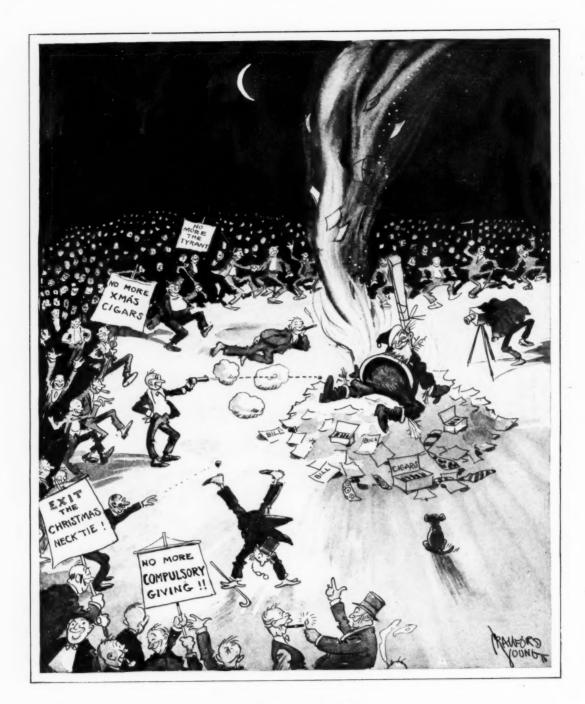


THE DREAM OF THE LITTLE BOY WHO WAS WATCHING FOR SANTA CLAUS





"WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR, JAMIE?" "I'VE BEEN A-GOIN' TO BOTH THE METHODIST AND THE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR SIX WEEKS, AND I JUST FOUND OUT THEY ARE GOIN' TO HAVE THEIR CHRISTMAS TREES ON THE SAME NIGHT."



A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN 1975 BURNING SANTA IN EFFIGY



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# Christmas, 1916

LIFE

#### By Edward S. Martin

HE best Christmas present the world could have this year would be peace; the next best, a new insight into values.

The war makes one feel that many things that men and nations have striven for these many generations are trash, and that humanity needs new light, or a far better application of the light it has.

There would not be this great war, if enough people had been able to distinguish between what is valuable and what is not. It was due to a craving for material possessions and for world power to command them. One of the richest and ablest countries brought it on in a calculated attempt to impose its doctrines and its wishes on mankind, and take an increased toll from civilization. Resistance to this infatuate purpose has filled the earth with ruin and sorrow, bringing down on the chief offender an appalling retribution, bearing hardly less heavily on the instruments of justice, and involving millions of lookers-on whose wish was to keep out of it.

A terrible job it has always been to break a strong nation of the craze for world-dominion, but in the end it always has to be done, and is done. World-dominion is so clearly foredoomed to crack and perish that one would think that human wisdom would reject it, and yet for thousands of years, ever since history began, peoples have had crazes to get it, or have been dragged into pursuit of it by their masters.

The present plight of the world is due to a breach of the tenth commandment, and it is so bad as to make one wonder whether anything, whether life itself, is worth coveting. That wonder is the likeliest symptom of improvement that appears. When enough people are agreed that life, as they know it, is not worth while, there is apt to come a concerted movement to improve it. Such a movement we may hope to see follow the war, and we must expect to see the war go on until most of the people concerned in it have got new convictions about what is valuable in this life. Every nation in Europe, most of all the great Culprit, is gradually changing its estimates about that, and edging towards the valuables that are compatible with peace on earth, and away from those which necessitate war.

Europe's mind is gradually clearing, but our minds in these States are very confused. A great many of us are conscious of a dull dissatisfaction, to account for which we offer all manner of conflicting reasons. It appeared the other day in the election that about half

IRIS!

of us believe that the trouble is that our government has not been equal to the situation, and the other half think that if our government had not been unusually able we should have been feeling much worse than we are. We do not agree as to what is good for us. We were never so rich, and seldom so disgruntled. We are by no means desirous to be in the war, and yet we are far from satisfied in staying out. We are getting in quantities of money, and are resigned to that, but have horrible misgivings that Providence is favoring us in the pocket at the cost of our souls. Some of us fear that the war will pass without our getting any adequate discipline. Others fear it will not. Many of us believe that we need discipline more than money, but it is hard for a nation to embrace discipline by choice, and we fear that it will not be forced upon us soon enough to save us. Really, the pith of much of the dissatisfaction with our President is that he has not laid us on the altar of sacrifice.

He won't, if he can help it. No President will. It is not good politics to lay one's country on the altar of sacrifice if it can honorably be avoided. No one has the right to do it.

We seem to lack troubles, but that is a want that is usually supplied in time, and we may get ours at any moment, and even in our Christmas stocking. But it is interesting that we should be so prospered and so disturbed about it; so fat and so unsatisfied. It argues a general suspicion that the spiritual things are the most worth and no extent of material benefit makes up for spiritual shortage. We are invited to make ourselves so strong in arms and navies that Fate will not be able to call us to account. The advice seems sound, but however perfectly we follow it, Fate will call us to account. Incessantly we sow; inexorably we reap; nor armies nor navies will protect us from the harvest if our sowing is bad. External defenses are no protection against internal disease. Rules cannot save us, because circumstances change and rules fail. But a sound spirit will save us, if not from mistakes, at least from destruction.

That is our great need now, the leading of a sound and wise spirit, that is not rash nor truculent, but will not shrink from hurt or danger in a just cause; that will not lean on force in a bad cause, nor lack it in a good one; that loves his neighbor, big or small, and will help him in his necessity.

That is the spirit of Christmas, and not by any other will the world improve.



"YOU ARE GUILTY OF ASSAULTING THE PLAINTIFF. I FINE YOU TEN DOLLARS" "WELL, YOUR HONOR, SEEING THAT HE WEARS A MONOCLE, BRAGS OF HIS ANCESTORS AND NEVER DID A DAY'S WORK IN HIS LIFE, IT'S A BARGAIN"



AN OLD GRUDGE



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL

#### Christmas Roses

WE ate your toast and marmalade And drank your warm champagne With luncheon at the Carlton And tea in Mincing Lane. We skated down at Prince's And rode in Rotten Row, Then trotted to the Gaiety To see the blooming show.

But now the feet of armies tread Over the garden of our dead. A sash—a sword—across the blue; England—we sent our sons to you!

We learned to speak our Kipling With proper splash and swing. We bought bouquets in Regent Street, And rooted for the King. We loved old London—fog or fair— And cheered your polo score. Deep in the dust we trailed that day

To hear the lion roar.

But now the masted banners wave Together on our soldiers' grave— Bravest and best—proud, strong and true; England—we gave our hearts to you!

There on the field of ages, Beneath a weeping sky,

Wrapped in the mist of golden years, Our sons and brothers lie.

Their shattered shield has fallen In shadow where they rest,

Victors for God, the Cross and Right With roses on their breast!

Do you hear the women mourning, World of the old and new? Our dead with the men of England; Our hearts and tears for you! Kate Masterson.



FAITH

**I**<sup>F</sup> the observance of Christmas accomplished as much for Christianity as it does for commerce missions to the heathen would no longer be anachronisms. MRS. BAKER: Bridget, why are you leaving us? I let you use the 'phone whenever you wish. Cooκ: Yes, mum, but I'm used to me own private wire.

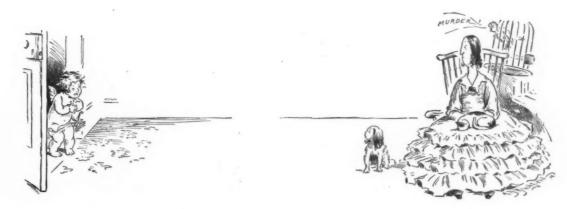


TRIMMING THE CHAPEL

Christmas Life



ANYWHERE IN GERMANY



"IT IS THE UNEXPECTED THAT HAPPENS"

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# Christmas Life

# A Useful Invention

#### By W. J. Clarke

T has been suggested by those queer people who think they are wise, that a man could make married life much more endurable if he would use a little common sense. They forget that if a man had any common sense he might never get married at all. It is true that getting married often brings him to his senses, but this takes time, and, when it happens, it is generally too late. 1 pondered this for years, and always considered it an absolute deadlock until I accidentally heard of a man who had invented a way out of it.

He was a big man whose business was to make the streets of London impassable by repairing them, and the first time I saw him he was knocking a spike into the roadway with a sledgehammer while five other men stood round him in a circle and looked on. When he had swung his heavy sledge half a dozen slow and measured beats he stopped to rest, and a young woman who was passing, nodded to him.

"Hello!" he shouted.

"Hello!" she said. "How is it?"

"Nothing to grumble about, my rosebud," he answered, and the woman flushed a bright scarlet and walked on while the men who were standing by with tools in their hands let them drop with a crash and gaped at him in silent wonderment.

"What's up?" I said to the man nearest me.

He turned his dazed face to me and whispered, "That's his missus!"

Before I could ask for further information a little man called out: "Here, Jimmy, gimme my pick, my peach blossom." •

The man of the sledge-hammer turned upon him and said, "Was you making game of me?"

"No," said the little man, edging away, "I only asked Jimmy for my pick."

"I heard what you said."

"Well, look at him. Ain't he a peach blossom?"

We all looked at Jimmy, who stood grinning and looking foolish. Then the big man went up to the little man and, a few minutes later, the little man gave up work for the day; wisely, I think, for it must be difficult to use a pick accurately with both eyes half closed up.

I felt that he had been treated harshly, and signified the same in the usual way. He accepted the offer and, when he was halfway through the second pint, he gave me the explanation I wanted.

"It's an invention of his own," he said, referring to the man who had damaged his eyes. "He don't often forget himself and do it in public, but when you get into the habit of doing anything, it slips out when you ain't thinking."

"What is the invention?"

"It's like this. He had been married about four years, and his missus—her you saw just now—was about the same as the rest of 'em, and he wouldn't have been no worse off than any other man if it hadn't been for one thing."

"What was that?"

"Something wrong with him. I don't know what it is, but he can't bear the taste of it. It must be five years since a pal of his gave him a drop for a lark. After the pal came out of the hospital he told the tale round, and since then nobody plays tricks on him. If I had remembered it I should be able to see better now.

"Of course, being a teetotaler, he was at home a lot, and that got on her nerves. They had words, reg'lar, and her people interfered, and though, when he pitched her father out of the front door, he done it with the best intentions, it didn't mend matters.

"If he had been a little chap like me he could have given her one for herself now and then, without hurting her, and kept her in order that way. Instead of that he took to working overtime just to keep away from the

house, and, as he always handed over his money to her-being a teetotalershe got so rich she began to put on airs and graces and make her home look smart. She cut out all the other women in the street, and that got her disliked and made more trouble. She hung china plates on the walls, and bought new furniture, and scrubbed, and brushed, and dusted, and scoured, and polished, early and late, till she was nearly worn to a thread. She kept most of her friends away because of their boots on her carpets, and got rid of his dog and the cat because they clawed things.

"One day she had been giving him an extra dose of chin music, and he was just going to sneak out as usual, when he suddenly hit on his invention. He doesn't know what made the idea strike him, but he went right up to her and said :

"'Come and sit on my knee and put your arms round my neck, my precious, like you used to do afore we was married, and let's talk it over quiet.'

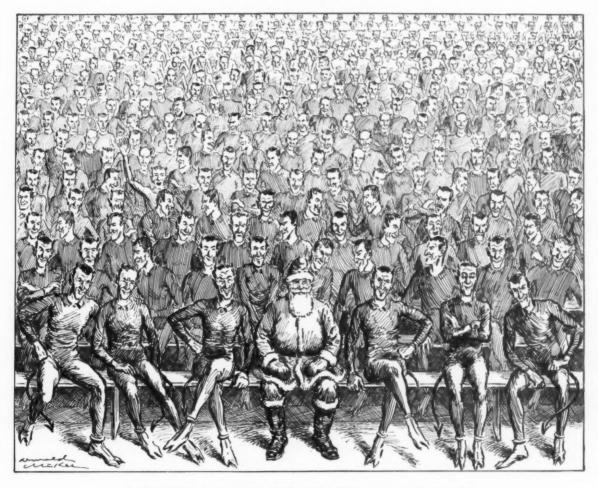
"She gave him a look—a frightened kind of look—and said, 'What's the matter with you; have you gone dotty, 'or what?'

"Then, before she knew where she was, he picked her up and sat her on his knee and put her arms round his neck and held her hands so she couldn't get away and kissed her about eight times. And the things he called her— 'darling' was the mildest of them.

"Of course she struggled and squealed, but she was so worn down with housework she hadn't the strength of a kitten, and he held her easy, and said, 'I'll let you go in half an hour, my pet, and not a second before.'

"Her tongue was none the worse for the hard work she did and, when she stopped to take breath, he said, 'Only ten minutes more, lovey,' and when the time was up, he put her down in the middle of what she was saying and went off to work.

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PATRON SAINTS OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE YEAR

# A Lovers' Quarrel

(After Horace, Book 23, 41144)

#### LYDIA

WHAT though you, Horace, spout poems all day, Gracing your speech with inspired calisthenics, Have you been passed by the erudite, gray Board of Eugenics?

#### HORACE

Haply your test for acceptable lads Elegance, art and affection eliminates! Daphne's above mathematical fads— Daphne discriminates.

#### LYDIA

Go to your Daphne, if flatteries lure ! I prefer suitors with charts that will satisfy: Marcus's lordly proportions, I'm sure, Science must ratify!

#### HORACE

Daphne, the chit, is a fancy long past! What if I swear that for you I resigned her? If my percentage has Marcus outclassed

Will you be kinder?

#### LYDIA

Daphne, you vow, has exhausted her spell; Marcus's chesty effects are fallacious:

Then-since you're fond, and eugenic as well-Me for Horatius!

Corinne Rockwell Swain.

"Y<sup>OU</sup> pay four hundred dollars down," said the agent for the Automatic Home Construction and Long Island Land Reviving Company.

I experienced an immediate sense of relief. A passionate desire to own my own home had long possessed me. The recent arrival of a certain newcomer in my immediate family appeared to make this desire a necessity. My wife had gone out. How delightful it would be to surprise her. And the worst thing that could happen to me was four hundred down!

"And how much a month?" I asked, feeling that the rest was a mere matter of detail.

"Forty-two dollars."

"And that includes everything?" "Practically so. There is a small maintenance charge, but it doesn't amount to much."

"How long do I have to keep this up?"

"One hundred and twenty months."

"At the end of which time—" "You own your own home," he announced triumphantly. "But more than that."

"Go on," I said, with the air of a man who was breaking the bank at Monte Carlo. I felt like adding: "Go as far as you like. You can't faze me. I can stand any amount of prosperity."

"Well," said the agent, "by getting yourself insured, if you should die in the interval, all the payments stop."

Sternly repressing my secret joy, I said somewhat severely:

"And my heirs-"

"Get everything back, or the home, as the company elects. That is to say, the company looks out for everyone."

"When can I begin to build?" I asked feverishly.

"When you have paid ten per cent. of the cost. Suppose, for instance, the house cost nine thousand. When you have paid in nine hundred——"

"Oh," I replied, "I thought I only had to pay four hundred dollars."

# Christmas Life

## In the Nick of Time

"That is in the beginning," he said gently. "Then you pay forty-two dollars a month, and when......"

"I see. It's like rent."

"Only much lower," he said reproachfully.

"Suppose——" He waved me off. "I know what you are going to say," he replied with a smile. "Suppose you

#### Christmas

A LOW little hut in Breton, Dim lit by a half-spent fire, A sound of rattling windows,

As the whistling wind shrilled higher. The soothing voice of a mother,

The sob of a child in pain, A cheerless darkness brooding,

And—Christmas has come again.

Only a year since he left them, To join, at his country's call,

In the pitiless slaughter of manhood Where the best of the nation fall.

A year? It has been a life-time Of trouble and ceaseless woe.

Is he living still, or hidden Nameless beneath the snow?

A sudden voice from the doorway, A start and a glad, wild cry,

The wounded soldier returning To his hearth, where the weak flames die.

A happy peace in the dim hut, Forgotten the darkness and pain;

The joy of a great thanksgiving, And—Christmas has come again. Eleanor Morgan Neely.

can't do it temporarily. We extend the time. Everything is provided for. We

protect you." He spread before me a printed contract which appeared to my swimming eyes full of "Whereases," "By these

eyes full of "Whereases," "By these presents" and "Party of the second part."

"Here," he said, "sign on the dotted line."

A wild thought occurred to me.

"By the way," I said nonchalantly, "do I have to pay any interest?" I had heard or read somewhere once about someone having to pay interest, and a cool villain with a white overcoat coming in at a critical moment and turning the widow and her babies out in a snow storm, because something lapsed, and it made me rather ner-

vous.

"At five per cent.," he responded austerely. I began to feel a slight sense of shame at the thought that he was beginning to suspect my intelligence. As a matter of fact, I knew that I was growing more unintelligent every moment. Yet I hesitated.

"You are a man of business," he began. That almost unnerved me. If he did but know the fatal truth! I shuddered. But his confidence in me inspired me. I reached for the pen.

The door opened. My wife stood before us.

"I didn't go shopping," she announced. "And now what are you up to?"

I saw the agent throw up his hands—metaphorically, of course. It was all over.

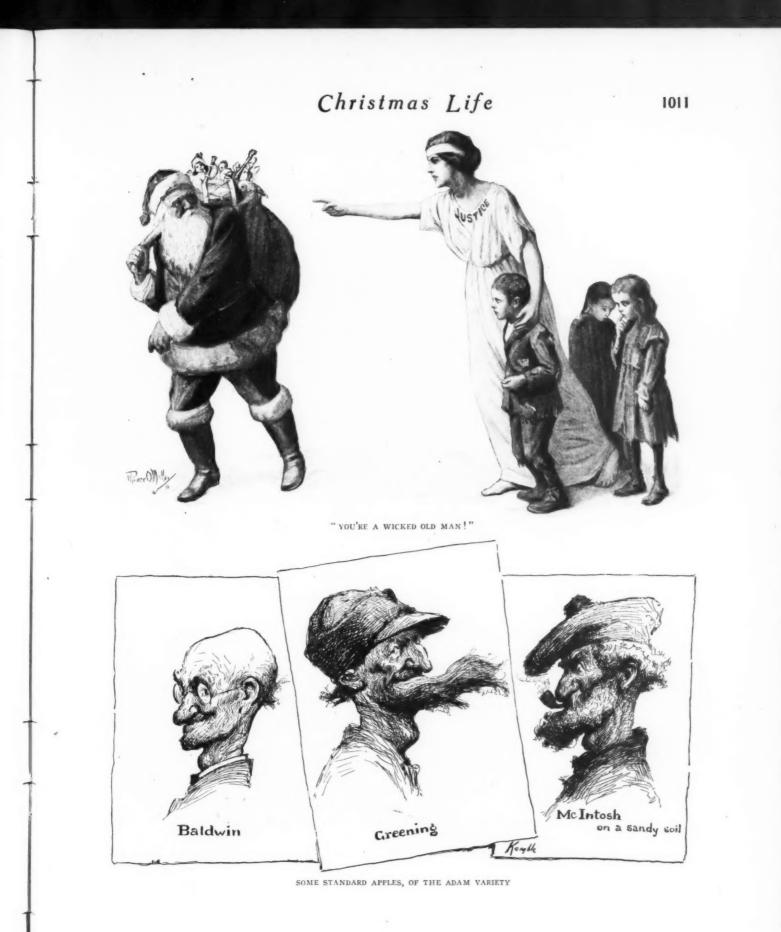
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Later on I said:

"My dear, I can't understand your objections. Only five per cent Four hundred dollars down. Slight maintenance charge. At my death you get it all. I'm a business man and—"

The bell rang. She gazed triumphantly out of the window at the red-lettered runabout in front.

"You're an idiot!" she exclaimed. "You would deal with the Automatic Home Construction and Long Island Land Reviving Company, who want four hundred dollars down. But wait until you talk with the agent of the Home Efficient Model Building and Domestic Joy Architectural League, who is now entering and who has positively assured me that we will only have to pay two hundred dollars down!"



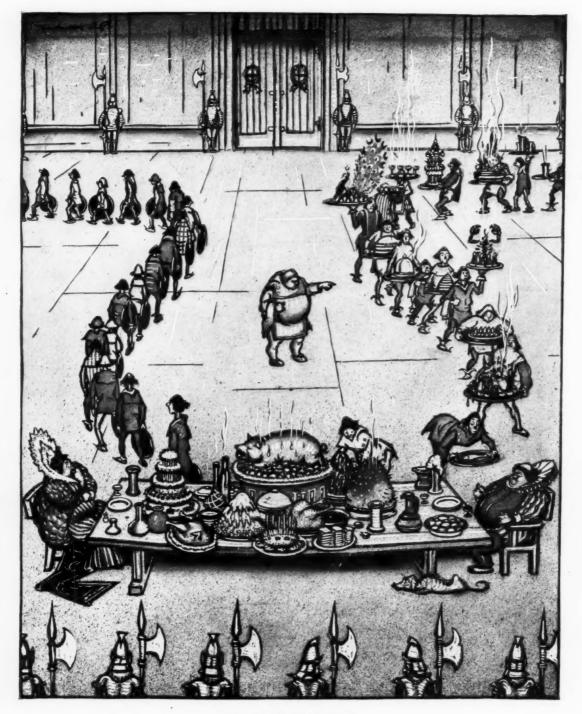


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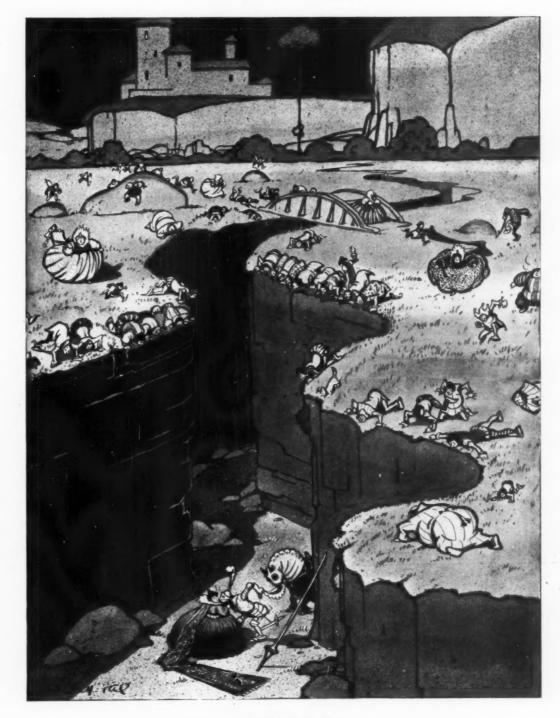
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Christmas Life



IN YE GOODE OLDE DAYS YE TRYSTYNGE PLACE

## The Great Adventurer

I CALLED him that because he knows The world, and loves it—every mile:

The southern seas, the northern snows;

And faces danger with a smile, And never ponders if the goal

Is worth his while.

He takes a chance with every man, As if they all were straight and true.

He gives you all of him he can, And never waits for thanks from

The heroes of that mould to-day Are rather few. His cheek is red from facing snow. He whirls a rapid course because

He has a thousand leagues to go, But sometimes I have seen him pause,

For whiskers are a thin disguise For Santa Claus!

Charles Divine.



A TRUE BELIEVER IN PREPAREDNESS

#### X-Actly

X-TRA X-penses plus X-travagant Outlay plus X-traordinary Display plus X-treme Irritation plus X-cessive Shopping plus X-tensive Errand-running plus X-acting Demands plus X-aggerated Prices plus X-uberant Anticipations plus X-pectations Unrealized plus X-asperating X-periences equals X-mas.

BEING clever at repartee consists of having at your tongue's end the words which come to others an hour later.

#### This Year

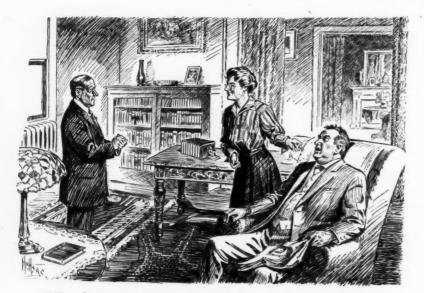
MRS. SANTA CLAUS: Sakes alive! Claus, you've been gone only an hour and here you come back looking as if a cyclone hit you. What in the world has happened to you? What's the matter?

SANTA CLAUS (sadly): New York. I just got within ten miles of the place when a motor-cop pinched me for speeding, a couple of Board of Heath inspectors confiscated the reindeer for violations of the sanitary code, and members of the Teamsters' Organization beat me up because I didn't have a Union card.

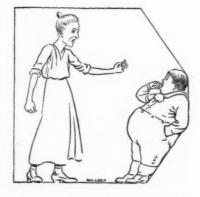




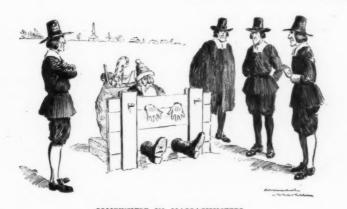
HER IDEA OF HOW SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT THE DOLL



Wife: i'm so glad you came. I want you to back me up when I tell him he snores



"HERE, JOHNNIE! STOP LEANING AGAINST THAT MARGIN LINE, OR YOU'LL FALL RIGHT OUT OF THE PICTURE."



SOMEWHERE IN MASSACHUSETTS



#### THE SECOND GENERATION

Old Saint Nick: well, son, you'll have to take my place this year. I'm getting too old and feeble for this strenuous xmas work.

## Advanced Surgery

**F**LUBDUB: I saw the doctor stop at your house this morning. Anything serious? HARDUPPE: You bet. He came to collect his bill.

SHE: Don't you think Miss Topover's skirt is just a little ultra?

HE: Yes, knee plus ultra!



JONES AT LAST FINDS A USE FOR THOSE EAR-MUFFS HIS WIFE GAVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS



"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT?"

A Declaration of Independence

WHEN in the course of fiscal events it becomes necessary for a people to rend asunder the galling bonds which have made them slaves to money-grubbing and to assume among the exalted of earth that independent and autonomous condition of selfrespect and self-improvement to which the laws of nature and of the simple life entitle them, a decent regard for the native weaknesses of mankind requires them to offer a few ingratiating words of explanation thereof.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all dollars are created equal, that they endow their devotees with certain undesirable attributes, among which are greed, hard-heartedness and the pursuit of affluence, and that when a people, emerging from darkness, discover what a deadening effect the dollar chase has, it is their right and duty to abolish it as the national ideal and *summum bonum*, and, in its place, to adopt an object that is more worthy and better calculated to preserve the finer qualities and sensibilities of the human race.

#### Interrupted

"D<sup>OES</sup> she skate?" "I don't know. Every time I have asked her she has sat on me."

# Helping the Orphaned French Babies

A<sup>S</sup> Christmas is peculiarly the day of the child, it seems fitting that in this Christmas number of LIFE we should show to our readers the faces of some of the French children who have benefited by their generosity. These are only a few children out of several hundred whose Christmas has been made, if not merry, at least more endurable through the kind-heartedness of Americans

Perhaps the best Christmas thought in connection with this fund is that through LIFE'S readers many little



JEANNE DEVIENNE, BABY 358, AND HER BROTHER AND SISTER

families, and particularly the mothers, have been saved from having the agony of separation added to the sorrows inflicted on them by the war. The money that goes from America to France in this cause serves especially to keep children orphaned by the war with their mothers, instead of their being sent to public institutions, where they can be cared for at less expense. The French government makes a small allowance for the support of widows and orphans, but letters we have received from some of the mothers show how insufficient this is unless supplemented by outside aid. The amount supplied under the contribution of



MADELEINE GAUCHERIN, BABY 313

seventy-three dollars each is little enough—amounting to ten cents a day for two years for each child—but with the wonderful gift of economizing inherent in French women the small



JEANNE AND SIMONE ROBERT, BABIES 289 AND 290

daily allowance is made to accomplish much.

The flower of French manhood is being utterly wiped out of existence by the immensity and savagery of this war. The hope of France for its future rests in its children of the present. If they, too, must be sacrificed



JULIETTE AND ODETTE SAUTON, BABIES 344 AND 345

the spirit of France, which has been the admiration and joy of the world, will be extinguished forever.

LIFE's readers have appreciated the tragedy of the situation and have most generously availed themselves of the opportunity to help our friends in sore need. We have acknowledged from them contributions of \$38,304.26, from which we have remitted to France 199,536.99 francs.

Among the contributions received from LIFE's readers are quite a number made by parents in behalf of their children. This was in response to a suggestion that, with this bond of interest between the children of France



HENRI BONTET, BABY 342

and the children of America to-day, there would survive in the next generation of French and American men and women an international affection which would make for the good of both countries.

For the benefit of those not already familiar with the particulars of the subscription we append these details:

A contribution of seventy-three dol-lars proyides that for two years a desti-tute French child, orphaned by the war, will be kept with its mother or relatives instead of being sent to a public institu-tion, where its chances of survival are

less than in a family environment. During this critical period in the child's life its welfare is looked after and the funds disbursed by "The Fatherless Children of France," an organization officered, by eminent French men and women The Society has committees in every part of France, who keep in touch with the children and supervise details of man-agement. Contributions of less than seventy-three dollars are combined until they amount to the larger sum. until they amount to the larger sum.

As fast as LIFE receives from the Society the names and addresses of the children and their mothers with particulars of the father's death and other information, these are communi-cated directly to the contributors for the care of each child. The full amount of the funds received by LIFE is put into French exchange at the most favorable rate and remitted to the So-ciety with no deduction whatever for expenses. expenses.

Many inquiries have reached LIFE asking how comforts and gifts could be sent direct to the children through their mothers. These instructions must be observed:

Make two lists of the contents of the package. One should be enclosed in the package, and the other mailed, at the time the package is sent, together with the name and address of the person for whom the package is intended, to the offices of "The War Relief Clearing



#### SADIA JACOB, BABY NO. 316. AND HIS BROTHER

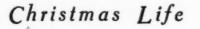
House," 40 Wall Street, New York City. The package itself should bear the name and address of the child, marked care of "The Fatherless Children of France." The package should then be sent to the warerooms of "The War Re-lief Clearing House," 133 Charlton Street, New York City. They will for-ward the package without charge, but be sure to pay all charges for delivery to the Clearing House.



MARIE MAGUEUR, BABY 374, IN HER MOTHER'S ARMS



JEANNE RENOU, BABY 321, HER MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER





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## Dad's Holiday Mood

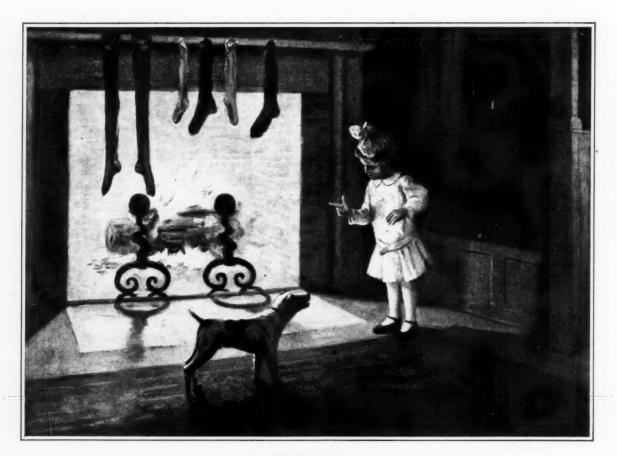
RACING car for Junior; Furs for daughter Nan; Mamma hints at rubies Or a new Sedan; Half a ton of playthings; Tips, and calls for cash-Bless me! This is pleasant,

Riding to a smash!

"IT no longer takes three generations to make a gentleman."

" Think so? "

"Yes. We are moving so much faster. And it takes only one generation to produce a parasite."



PREPAREDNESS "NOW, HECTOR, REMEMBER SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO-NIGHT, SO DON'T YOU BARK AND SCARE HIM AWAY!"



## The Man Worth Knowing

THERE are many pleasant people Whom one would like to know: Editors and barbers

And men who shovel snow;

There are laymen, there are draymen, But the ones I like to meet

Are the men who pat the horses

When they pass them on the street.

It's jolly, on the Avenue, To bow and raise your hat To someone so distinguished That your comrade says, "Who's that?" But the man I really honor When the stinging north wind blows Is the one who always stops to stroke

Some horse's frozen nose. Christopher Morley.

# Schedule of a Married Man's Pre-Christmas Activities

**F**RIDAY, December 1-Peruse a "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" plea, and agree with the sentiments.

Saturday, December 2-Start a shopping list and stop after writing the word "book" opposite the name of the brother-in-law who usually gives you a book.

Sunday, December 3-Express unbounded loathing and contempt for the persons who wait until the last minute before doing their Christmas shopping.

Monday, December 4—Wonder what you can give your pretty cousin who has everything she needs.

Tuesday, December 5-Figure up how much you can afford to spend on your wife's present.

Wednesday, December 6-Go over figures on wife's present and deduct ten dollars.

Thursday, December 7—Kick yourself for being penurious, and add twenty dollars to figures on wife's present.

Friday, December 8—Look in two stores for wife's gift, but get nothing except tired feet, a lame back and a grouch.

Saturday, December 9-Reckon up the number of shopping days remaining before Christmas, and find with some relief that there are twelve. Determine to do your Christmas shopping early.

Sunday, December 10—Read newspaper articles about the overworked shopgirl, and curse the brutes who wait until the last minute.

Monday, December 11-Visit stores, determined to buy eighteen or twenty presents, including one for your wife. Come home with a very bad case of nerves and one two-dollar necktie for your wife's father.

*Tuesday, December* 12—Deliver several heated lectures to acquaintances on the folly of giving Christmas presents.

Wednesday, December 13—Give wife a cheque with which to purchase gifts for twenty-two of your relatives.

Thursday, December 14—Discuss with your wife the amount of largess to be given to the postman, janitor, maid, cook, washwoman, elevator boy and office boy.

Friday, December 15—Get a cottony feeling in your mouth trying to decide whether or not your wife will like the present you are thinking of buying her. Decide that you'd better give her something else.

Saturday, December 16—Enter a jewelry store with the idea of asking a salesman's advice on what your wife would like, and get in the way of eighty customers, who walk on your feet.

Sunday, December 17—Swear because the stores aren't open on Sunday.

Monday, December 18-Decide not to do any shopping on Monday because of the large Monday crowds.

Tuesday, December 19—Remember that you have no presents for anyone except your wife's father and, panicstricken, rush to town to buy presents. Fail to find anything that anyone would like, except a work-bag for your favorite niece. Wednesday, December 20—On learning from your wife that your favorite niece has three work-bags, declare in disgust that you won't give anything but Christmas cards, and that there's plenty of time left in which to buy presents, anyway. Make out a list, showing how much money you are willing to spend on each person.

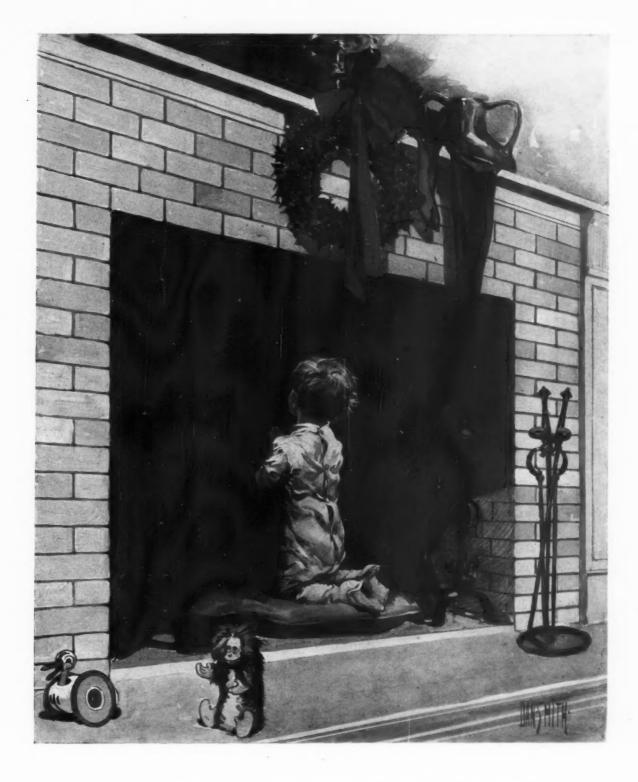
Thursday, December 21—Buy fifty Christmas cards, and then discover that you can think of only twentyeight people to send them to. Do up presents with your wife.

Friday, December 22—Rush to town to do your Christmas shopping early, before the Saturday rush sets in. Buy fourteen presents that you don't want to buy, paying fifty per cent. more for each than you said you'd pay. Go home on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Do up presents.

Saturday, December 23—Remember seventeen people for whom you should have bought presents. Make a final despairing effort to think what to buy your wife. Fail miserably. Give your wife a cheque with which to buy your seventeen presents. Write a cheque as a present for your wife. Do up presents.

Sunday, December 24—Tear up cheque for wife and write a larger one. Figure up your expenditures, and wonder whether you will be able to pay your Christmas bills by July. Do up presents and go to bed at two A. M. with a sick headache and a stern determination that next year shall be different.

K. L. Roberts.



"PLEASE, O SANTA CLAUS, DON'T FORGET THE ROLLER SKATES, AMEN."

# Christmas 1



Fallen Among Th



Among Thieves



## Turning the Tables on Santa Claus

## A Christmas Fantasy

### By Thomas L. Masson

Scene: Father Time's Horologium. Late afternoon, the day before Christmas. Father Time busy writing at his desk. Enter boy.

Boy: Someone to see you, sir.

FATHER TIME: Tell 'em I'm not at home. Same old story, I suppose. I wonder why people will always call asking me to extend their years, when they know it is not in my power to grant their request.

Boy: Beg pardon, sir, but the lady particularly said that she was one of the Immortals, destined to live as long as you, and she had no favor to ask, but just wished to see you on a matter of mutual interest.

FATHER TIME: One of the Immortals, eh? Yes. Ha, ha! I've heard that story before. They always say that when they find they can't get in. What does she look like? If she's young and handsome—

Boy: Beg pardon, sir, she's a lovely old lady with a peaked hat and the most delightful smile, and always cracking a joke like. She's aboundin' with fun. I wish you might see her, sir.

FATHER TIME: What's her name?

Boy: Mother Goose; so she said, sir.

FATHER TIME: Mother Goose! Why in the universe didn't you say so before? Immortal! Well, I should say so! (Actually runs out to the door, opens it, and holds out both hands.) My dear old friend! I'm simply delighted! Just thinking about you cheers me up, and I need it, I assure you! Come right in. Any new stories? That cow-jumping-over-the-moon joke of yours makes me laugh every time I think of it. Some jump, eh?

MOTHER GOOSE: Same old jollier, aren't you? But you can't make me grow any older by touching me with your old wand. You're looking well, considering everything. Now, my friend, let's get down to business. I've come on an important mission. It's about Santa Claus. FATHER TIME: Hope nothing serious has happened to him. Last

time I saw him he wasn't looking so well as usual.

MOTHER GOOSE: Well, you know the war has been getting on his nerves horribly, and then, everybody thinks they know so much more

How Santa Appears

than they used to. Of course, this isn't true. But I think he feels it to be treated in some quarters with suspicion, just as if he were not the real thing that we know him to be. But after all, he's so busy that he doesn't have much time to think of himself. But it's shameful the way h. has been treated by some, and I think it is high time we did something about it.

FATHER TIME: High! Ha! That reminds me of that cow. Ha, ha! Well, go on. I'm with you when it comes to doing anything about Santa Claus. What would you suggest?

MOTHER GOOSE: Just stop and think about him for a moment. Here, all these years, he has been working for others. Talk about Joy Spreaders! Why, he's the only and original. He has gone his rounds year after year without a word of complaint, and I happen to know privately that he frequently suffers from rheumatism, but he asks no reward, and never has failed yet. Now we really ought to do something about it.

FATHER TIME: Right-o! My dear friend, you also are always thinking of others. Do you know, I always liked the way you ended that cow affair: "And the dish ran away with the spoon." Could anything be better? If it had been a fork the story would have been spoiled. But a spoon! In fact, the whole story is so consistent throughout. Could there have been any better orchestra than a cat and a fiddle, or any better audience than a laughing dog? Not a superfluous word. And they point such a moral! . . . You were speaking of Santa Claus.

MOTHER GOOSE: Yes. My idea is to give him a little surprise party tomorrow. He never gets up until about noon on Christmas Day, because he is up so late the night before. I thought that a few of his friends and admirers might get together and call on him and present him with testimonials of our esteem.

FATHER TIME: Splendid! We'll turn the tables on him. Delightful! Strange, no one has ever thought of that before. Shows how selfish the world is, how wrapped up in its own affairs. Here, boy!

Boy: Yes, sir.

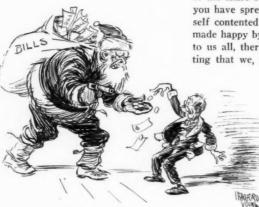
FATHER TIME: Get down the tele-



TO WILLIE-AGE FIVE



TO TOMMY-AGE TEN



TO FATHER-AGE FORTY

phone book and look up the numbers of the Honorable St. Valentine, Monsieur Cupid, the Misses Nine Muses, Mr. Sandman, The Pillow Fairies Club, and-can you think of any more?

MOTHER GOOSE: Mercy! yes; we must certainly ask all the fairy godmothers, and Cinderella, and Mrs. Bluebeard, and the Beautiful Prince, and the Sleeping Beauty, and Little Red Riding Hood, and Aladdin and Ali Baba-

> FATHER TIME: Yes, and don't forget Robinson Crusoe.

> > II

SCENE: The Santa Claus cottage. Time, twelve-thirty Christmas Day. Santa Claus still lying in bed, with his night-cap over his ears. Loud knocking at the door.

SANTA CLAUS: What's that? (Turns over in bed, yawning.) It amuses me to hear people say I am dying out. Why, last night it took me longer than ever. My! what a wild night! I ran out of gasolene three times! Now I'm all in. (Knocking continues.) Who can that be? (Shouts.) What! A mob of people? One moment, friends.

(Jumps out of bed and runs to window. Grabs his fur coat and puts it on. Opens door, Father Time, arm in arm with Mother Goose, followed by a vast company of Immortals, enters.)

FATHER TIME: My friend, ever since the generation of mankind, every year you have with unselfish devotion given up yourself, your time, your services, to the cause of childhood. Every year you have spread joy to millions, yourself contented if so many others were made happy by your presence. It seems to us all, therefore, that it is only fitting that we, your friends and ardent

> admirers among the Immortals, should for once do unto you as you yourself have done unto others. I have brought you a stocking full of nectar ambrosia, and ahem! - a few other things which

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## The Apple Tart

THE young soldier, just back on a furlough, looked gaily about the dingy little restaurant.

"Bring me all you have and plenty of it!" he called to the dwarfed little person who came forward to serve him. She must have been at least fifty, but her queer little gnome-like face, all eyes and mouth, gave her the air of a wistful, old child.

"My eye! but you've got the Victoria Cross," she murmured excitedly, as he sat down at the table. "How'd you get it?"

"I didn't do much," he laughed, "just something they happened to like out there. And I only got a scratch, but they've given me a fortnight's leave, so I'm on my way to Devon. It's certainly good to taste English HUSTLERS



Little Girl: MY! YOU MUST HAVE A AWFUL GOOD TIME IN HERE!

beef again, and I could marry the lass that made this apple tart."

She stared at him strangely. "I can see her," he went on, jestingly, "young and sweet and buxom, with yellow hair, and great big, blue eyes Can't you find her for me?"

She stared at him again, then suddenly burst into uncontrollable s o b b in g. "It won't do you no good," she quavered. "I made that apple tart."

Charlotte Becker.

## Safety First

LITTLE Bennie was looking at a picture of Elijah going to heaven in a chariot of fire. Pointing to the halo about the prophet's head, Benny exclaimed: "See, mamma, he's carrying an extra tire."



THE CALL OF THE MISTLETOE



"IN THE HANDS OF THE RECEIVER"

## My Effort

### By Richard Dark

T is a curious thing, but whenever I am away from home for more than twenty-four hours something always seems to happen. In the summer of 1913 I was welcomed back from a business trip to America by twins. Ten months later, during my enforced absence in Inverness at the funeral of a North-Scottish aunt, five of our apparently strongest hens succumbed to an attack of hay fever. Last Christmas, again, after spending a week in Paris, I found when I got back that Williams, our jobbing gardener, had been promoted to corporal in the body of Special Constabulary of which I myself am merely one of the rank and file. His manner has been unbearable ever since. When, therefore, on my return a short time ago from a stay of nearly a fortnight with my senior partner in the remoter wilds of Rutlandshire, my wife greeted me with the news that she had a surprise in store for me, I confess my heart sank.

"What is it?" I asked anxiously. "I will show you," she said. She led the way to the drawing-room, and throwing open the door exclaimed, "There! what do you think of it?"

"Did you choose the paper?" I said.

"Yes, isn't it a cheerful one?"

" It is, indeed," I answered, involuntarily shading my eyes with my hand. "I did it by myself. No one helped

me." "What! You actually papered the room?" I looked at her with a new admiration not unmixed with awe.

"Yes," she said proudly, "I wanted to show you what a woman can do. Think what we have saved by not having a man in."

I lay sleepless for hours that night, tossing in my bed in feverish thought. It was obviously impossible to let things rest where they stood. My wife had stolen a march on me. Unless I could do something to get level with her I felt that my future position in the household would become unbearable. In six or seven years' time the war would probably be over, and the twins would certainly be asking questions. I could picture them leading me into the drawing-room between them, pointing to the wall-paper and asking, "And what did you do, daddy?" What should I be able to reply? That I had fought in Flanders or the Dardanelles? I was ineligible for the army. That I had achieved distinction as a Special Constable? They would have learned that even here Williams had passed his master in a canter. Williams, I knew, would see to that. Alas! All I should be able to say would be that I had never, since the commencement of the war, falsified my income-tax returns.

"Is that all, daddy?" they would answer sorrowfully. Poor mites! They could scarcely be expected to understand the silent heroism of that struggle. No, come what might, I must do something tangible. I, too, must erect some monument of effort more fadeless, if possible, than my wife's wall-paper. But what? Finally, as the dawn was breaking, I felt I could lie no longer, and rose from my weary bed. And then, as my feet touched the chilly substance that covered my bedroom floor, like a flash the great idea came. Linoleum! At last I had it. My smoking-room carpet had long been threadbare, and at our spring cleaning we had decided that another must be purchased before the autumn. Well, I would forego a new carpet, and would, unaided, lay the floor with linoleum. With a tired sigh I sank back between the sheets and slept till TO A. M.

I decided in the course of the morning that as my wife had accomplished her feat in secret I would do likewise. Accordingly, I persuaded her at luncheon to take the twins early on the following day to see their grandmother and to stay with her till the evening. This preliminary arranged, I spent the afternoon in my smoking-room with a pipe, a pencil, a ruler and several sheets of foolscap, making a plan of the floor space for subsequent operations. I am nothing if not methodical. At tea

time my wife remarked that I was looking pale. "You must be feeling the heat, Horace," she said sympathetically. I assured her that I liked the hot weather, and soon afterward returned to my task, tore up the eleventh plan and started on the twelfth. That night I scarcely tasted my dinner, and as soon as possible escaped again to wrestle with the problem. At last, just before ten o'clock, I triumphed. My plan was completed, and I proceeded to calculate from it the amount of linoleum required. The result surprised me. Working on a scale of three inches to the yard, I came to the conclusion that my smoking-room floor comprised an area of 8,310 square feet. Something was wrong somewhere. I went through the sum again, discovered that I had reckoned in both the window recesses twice, and reduced the figures to 6,7421/2 square feet. Better, but still, I felt sure, too large a total. I filled my pipe once more and thought hard. After a while I remembered an expedient that had never failed me in my far-off school-days. I divided by 301/4. What happened after this I shall never know clearly, but about midnight the answer came to 4 cubic yards. From this, try as I would, I could devise no means of escape. Finally I gave it up and crawled to bed.

Next morning I saw my wife and the twins off by the train, and then proceeded to a shop where they sell linoleum and chose some of an attractive pattern.

"About how much did you want, sir?" asked the man at the wheel.

"Enough to cover my smoking-room floor," I answered. This I considered was a rather clever reply, since it threw the responsibility of supplying the proper quantity onto my opponent's shoulders. But he was a cunning fellow and saw through my design.

"What is the size of the room?" he said.

I looked him straight in the face. "Do you mean to tell me," I demanded, "that a man in your profes-

sion is unacquainted with the dimensions of an ordinary smoking-room floor?"

This obviously took him by surprise. "They vary," he said in an apologetic tone. "Perhaps it will be as well for me to send a man round to take the measurements."

"As you will," I answered; "only, if you must do so, send him at once. I particularly want the linoleum by two o'clock."

"You shall have it, sir," he said.

He was as good as his word. In an incredibly short time his emissary had come and measured the floor, and by 1:45 had returned with/ three large rolls of linoleum. I sat in an 'easy chair and watched him deposit them side by side on the carpet, which I had omitted to take up.

"Is that all?" I asked, as I saw him preparing to take his departure.

"That's the lot, sir," he replied, cheerfully.

A sense of desolation seized me. I am not a timid man, but this was the first time in my life that I had been left absolutely alone with three uncut rolls of linoleum. "It is a hot day," I said. "Won't you sit down and have something to drink before you go?"

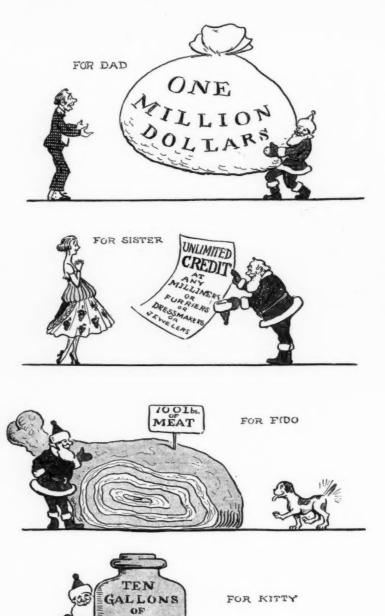
He assented gratefully, and I rang for bottled ale. He finished it almost at once and rose to his feet. But I was ready for him. "Now you are here," I suggested, "perhaps you would be good enough to help me get the carpet up?" He agreed to do so. Five minutes later the room was cleared for action. I rang for a second bottle of ale.

"I suppose," I said, "you have been laying linoleum all your life?"

"Practically from the cradle," he answered, smiling at me over his glass. "It is a wonderful accomplishment. Now tell me, if you were in my shoes, attempting it for the first time, how

would you begin?" He absorbed the remainder of his beer and stood up. "Shall I show you, sir?"

"Do," I said, sinking back in my chair. It was delightful to watch him. He worked so easily, so gracefully, with such an air of knowing exactly what he wanted to do and how to do it! His cutting out was wonderful, and



CHRISTMAS GIFTS THEY NEVER GET

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GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

when he began to drive in the tacks I lay and listened dreamily to the tap-tap of his hammer as he pursued his methodical path across the floor from the window to the fireplace—a pleasant sound, the sound of an artist laboring at the craft he loved.

"Excuse me, sir."

I woke with a start. "Why, you've finished the room!" I exclaimed.

"All but the bit your chair is on," he said. "It seemed a pity to wake you. Might I trouble you to let me move it? It won't take me more than a minute."

It was true. For a moment I felt very angry with him. He had robbed me of the glory of laying my own linoleum. On the other hand he had made an extremely good job of it; there was no doubt about that Again, I had certainly intended to lay it myself, and, as every one knows, it is the intention, the will to act, that really counts. I felt, too, that my presence had probably stimulated and encouraged him in his work. Yes, the longer I reflected the more clearly I realized that if I could not exactly claim to have laid the linoleum single-handed, I had at any rate played a not unimportant part in securing the excellent result that had been achieved by our united efforts. As he hammered in the last tack I decided to forgive him, and rang for a third bottle of ale We parted a little later the best of friends.

On my wife's return I took her into the smoking-room and pointed to the linoleum. "My contribution," I said. "You didn't really lay it yourself?" she cried

I smiled tenderly on her. "My dear," I said, "I wanted to show you what a man can do." It seemed superfluous to explain to her that it was really, strictly speaking, the work of two men. She laid her hands on my shoulders and kissed me. "My wonderful Horace!" she said softly.

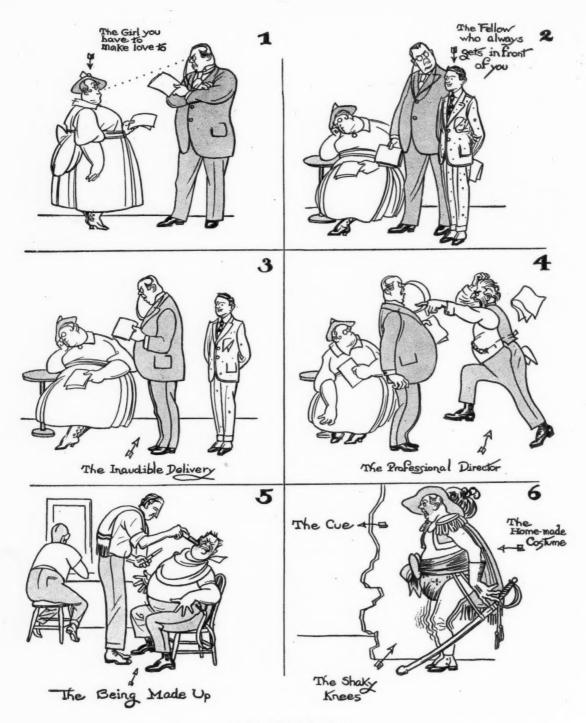
While my wife was engaged in putting the twins to rest, I thought it as well, in order to avoid any possibility of a future misunderstanding, to interview the housemaid who had brought in the ale to my coadjutor of the afternoon. "Emily," I said, indicating the linoleum, "you were perhaps not aware that I was capable of accomplishing a feat like this?"

"No, sir," she admitted; "I thought it was the man-"

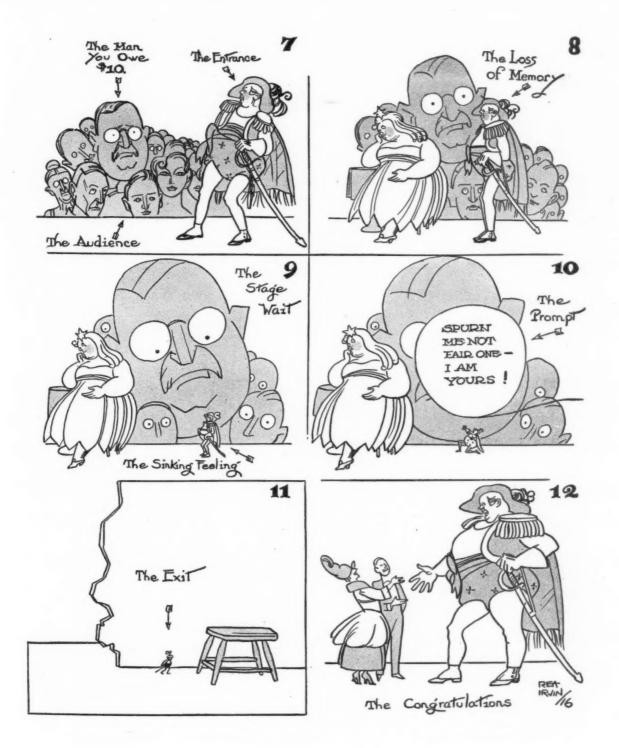
I held up my hand. "Hush! He has passed out of our lives. Never think of him again. You understand?" I balanced two half-crowns absently on the tip of my first finger.

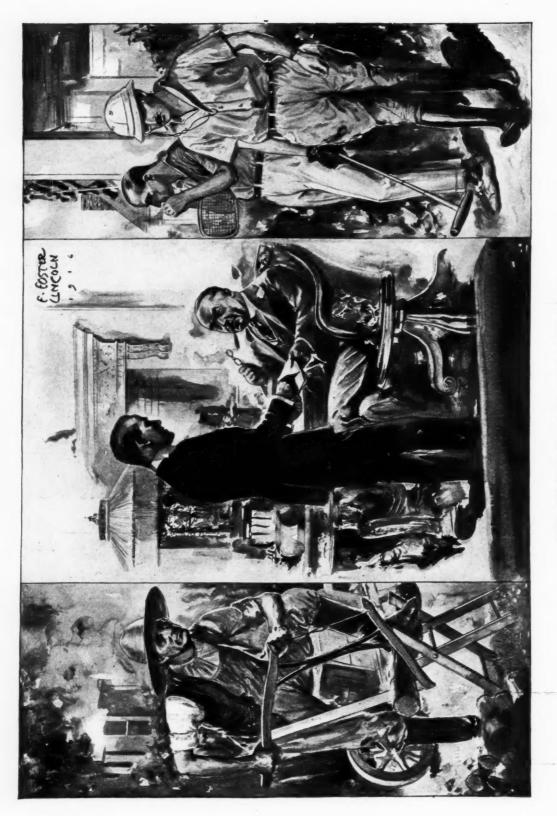
"Yes, sir," she said.

Emily is a sensible, intelligent girl. We have always thought very highly of her.



THE AMATEUR THEATRICALS





THREE GENERATIONS FROM SHIRT-SLEEVES TO SHIRT-SLEEVES

# Christmasse Puddynge

"SAY, Will, that art a Cook by Trade, Whereof is Christmasse Puddynge made?"

> "Such Puddynge shall be mixt with Care, Of Parcels just and Spices rare; And Something worthie must be meant By everie pure Ingredient:

> > "Take first your Suet, clear and good, For 'Strength,' if rightlie understood; Then Eggs, new-laid, that speak, forsooth, Of Gentle Innocence and Youth;

"Your well-ground Breadcrust, 'Life' we call; Your Sugar, 'Love' that sweeteneth all; Ye Currants image Joy, I guess; Ye Stoneless Raisins, Happinesse.

> "Add Milk of Human Kindnesse, then, For Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men, Forgetting not ye Brandie (lest Your Puddynge lack for Yuletide Zest),

> > "Nor Nutmegge, Mace and Cinnamon For Jollitie and Sport and Fun, Nor Salt nor Lemon Juice and Rind For Wit with Antick Jest combined.

> > > "Now steam it well within ye Pot, Then dish your Puddynge, piping hot; Soe bear it, blazing, uppe ye Hall With 'Merrie Christmasse unto all!""

## Rubaiyat-itis

WHEN Christmas morn had put the stars to flight I rose at length, and lo, before my sight

Ten copies of the Rubaiyat appeared Which ten good friends had thought would strike me right.

Whether at New Orleans or Babylon, Whether the cup with sweet or bitter run,

Each Christmas when the postmen ring my bell The Rubaiyats keep coming one by one.

Though well I love the poem Omar writ, I'm sorry that it e'er made such a hit; For every friend I have beneath the sun At Christmas time is sure to send me it. Lucille was once the proper thing to send, In padded leather, to a far-off friend. In days gone by we fairly sowed Lucilles,

But now 'tis Rubaiyat, world without end

Strange, is it not, that of the myriads who Present old Omar bound in red or blue

How seldom are the ones who, sending it, Have ever taken time to read it through!

Myself I've often purchased three or four And given them to friends in days of yore; But now whene'er I give the Rubaiyat I simply take one from my growing store. Walter G. Doty.



"NOBODY LOVES A FAT MAN"



EVOLUTION

## The Skating Party

THE blazing hearth. The comfortable chair. The soothing pipe. The satisfaction. The restless friends. The suggestion about skating. The lack of interest. The others who enthuse. The collection of skates. The abundance of sweaters. The excuse about feeling " low." The friends who insist. The final resignation. The cross-country tramp. The bitter day. The biting wind. The cheerless lake. The cautious beginning. The slow progress. The fancy skater. The awkward spill. The "cracking the whip." The tangled mass. The trip over the twig.

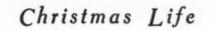
The hard bump. The friends who race. The inability to stop. The tricky ice. The sudden crack. The disappearing friends. The rush to the spot. The cries for help. The rescuing act. The frozen friends. The blue lips. The chattering teeth. The icy clothes. The lack of "spirits." The carrying home. The long walk. The pitiful procession. The arrival at the house. The thawed-out friends. The mustard baths. The many blankets. The "rock and rye." The resumed pipe. The comfortable chair. The blazing hearth.

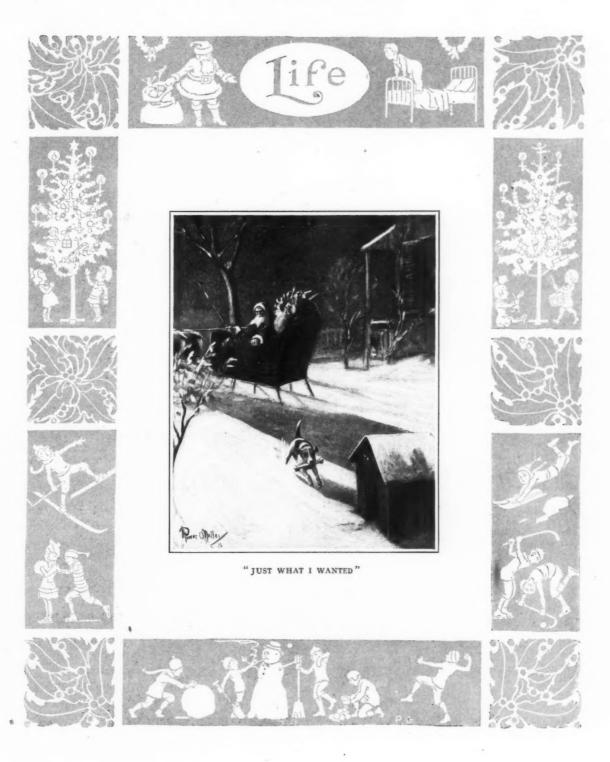


TO SAVE TROUBLE WHY NOT TRY THIS?



Puppy (who has brought in old shoe): I WONDER WHAT SHE'S FUSSING ABOUT NOW



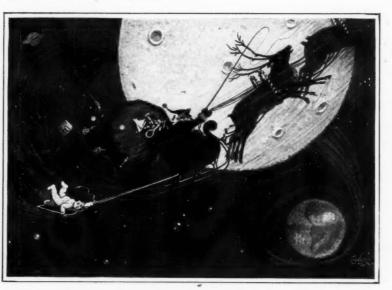


## The Inevitable

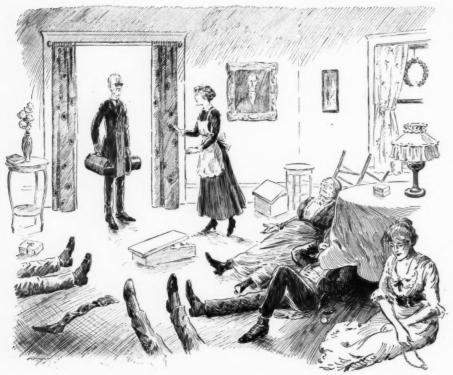
 $T^{O}$  the eye of the child it is a horizon sunken beneath the horizon,

- As yet unseen, unapprehended, unguessed.
- But as the years snow their flaked and filmy dreams upon Man's brain,
- Where he watches them dissolve like luminous gems in vitriol,
- The Inevitable, like a fabulous buzzard forever hungry for a Gettysburg or a Marne,
- Sweeps around his spirit in hour-narrowing circles like a prodigious lasso,
- Or remains poised and motionless over his head like a vulture a-roost in the air,
- Where it waits with the patience of the Sun for the Earth.

Benjamin de Casseres.



JUST BEFORE HE FELL OUT OF BED



Coroner: WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE—MURDER AND SUICIDE, ON CHRISTMAS MORNING? "NO, SIR; IT'S JUST THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY GOT EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTED."

## His Forte

NEARLY every member of a Tulsa man's family performs on some kind of an instrument.

An old Iowa neighbor, who was visiting at his home, remarked that it must be a source of great pleasure to him. The father made no reply.

"Really," continued the Iowa man, "it is remarkable. Your youngest son is a cornetist, both your daughters are pianists, and your wife is a violinist. Now, what are you?"

"I," replied the old man, "I am a pessimist."

## Unkept Resolutions

THE KAISER'S: To dine in Paris. KING GEORGE'S: To force the Dardanelles.

MR. FORD's: To have the boys out of the trenches.

THE PRESIDENT'S: Against a larger navy.

MR. BRYAN'S: Not to meddle.

? ? ?: To capture Mr. Villa.

HENSHAW: I hear he was oper- \* ated on. What did he have? GEE WHIZ: Money.

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## Ballade of Amas Giving

WONDER what I'll give to Paul— Perhaps that wooden Swiss cuckoo I won somewhere at bridge last Fall. Another prize I'll send to Sue—

That pink sachet; and as for Prue, I'll give her that green china sheep— Although I generally do

Give something that I'd like to keep.

That basket hanging in the hall, It came with flowers and needs some glue,

I'll mend for Gladys' knitting-ball. That desk-set will be nice for Hugh; It's carved with flowers that never grew,

And though the inkwell isn't deep,

I always thought it sweet. Don't you Give something that you'd like to keep?

This little crocheted woolly shawl

I'll give Aunt Kate—it's Alice blue, And I can't wear that shade at all.

And when I've read this novel through,

'Twill just suit Maud—it's quite taboo—

I got it at that French sale, cheap; I think it's so much nicer to

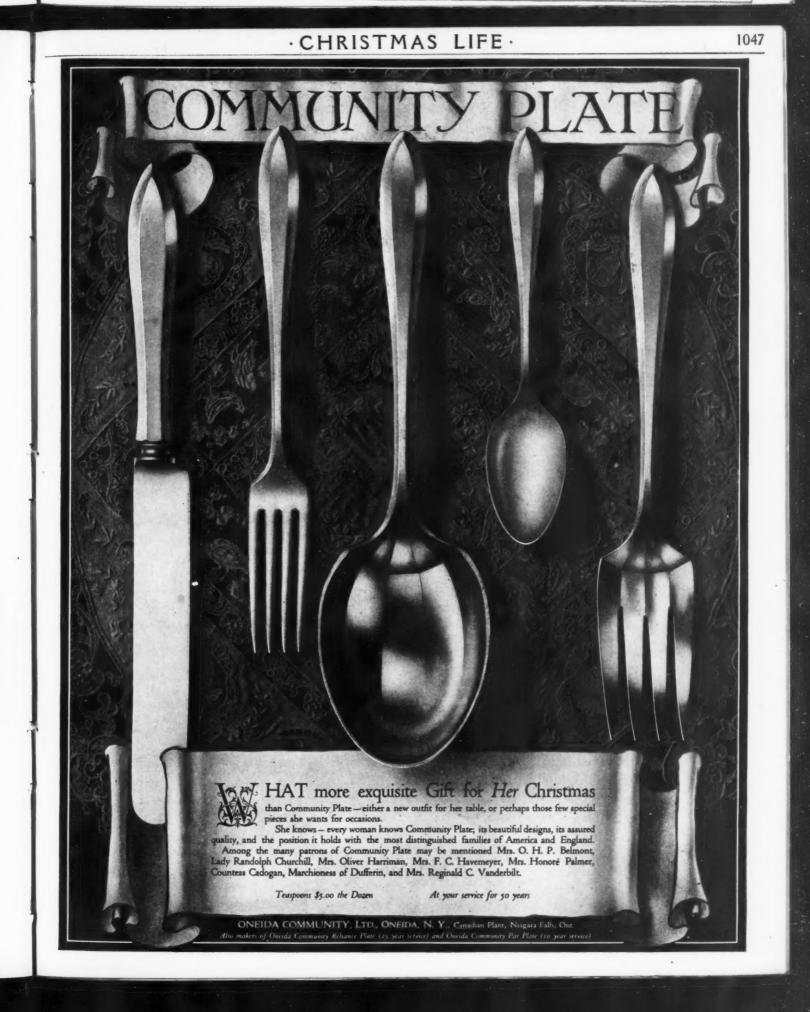
Give something that you'd like to keep.

Each Xmas time I watch anew This clearance of a useless heap, Until I always wonder who

Gives anything they'd like to keep! Charlotte Becker.



THE SHEPHERD AND HIS FLOCK



## · CHRISTMAS LIFE ·



#### By Special Delivery

The burglar had just begun his term and was assigned to work in the broom factory. Near him was an oldish man who studied him intently and seemed to be awaiting an opportunity to say something. It came while the overseer was at the ice water tank.

"How long are you in for?" he whispered.

" Twelve years," replied the newcomer. The veteran looked around nervously

and thrust a letter in the burglar's hand. "I'm in for life," he said. " Mail this

when you get out." -Johnson's Smoke Rings.

MISS BEAUTY CHORUS (returning to her native village, and anxious to impress her fiancé): I say, portah, isn't it possible to get a taxi or something for all our luggage in this one-eyed old place?

PORTER: Ye'll no need ane, Maggie. Yer faither's juist comin' doon the brae wi' his wheelbarrow.

-London Opinion.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT

### An Expert Opinion

A man who kept a road-house in Rhode Island was called upon to testify in a suit as to the number of cubic yards that were handled in some filling work near his place. He showed very little knowledge of the matter, and his idea of a cubic yard was so indefinite that it seemed doubtful whether he knew what the term meant. In order to make its meaning clear, the judge said :

"Listen, witness! Assume this inkstand to be three feet across the top this way and three feet that way and three feet in height, what should you call it?"

"Well, your Honor," said the witness, without hesitation, "I should say it was some inkstand."-Public Health Journal.

#### A Harmonious Household

A golf enthusiast was describing to his friend the varied joys the game afforded him. Finally he wound up by saying:

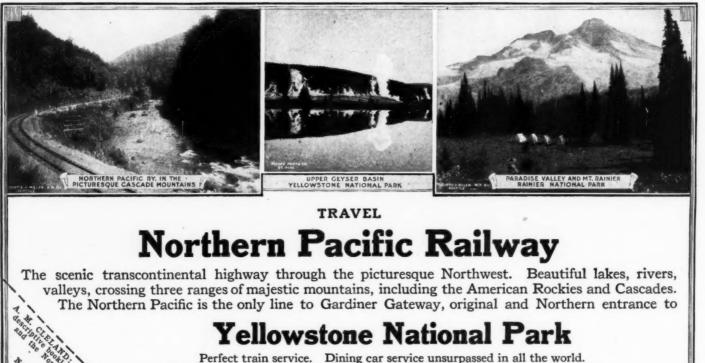
"Do you know, I'd rather play golf than eat!"

"But whatever does your wife say to that?" inquired the friend.

"Oh, well, you know," was the answer,"she's rather relieved, because she'd much rather play bridge than cook!"

-Tit-Bits.

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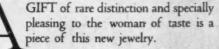


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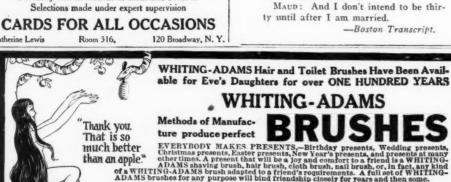
MRS BROWN: The trousers which I have washed for Ike have shrunk so much that the poor child can hardly put them on.

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"I'm going to smash that dude," declared the bad man of the camp. "Whaffor?" demanded the sheriff.

"He's looking fer trouble."

"G'wan! Quit trying to pick a fight. A feller never looks for trouble with a monocle."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

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## Pianos

**E**VERY piano must have a soul, even if it isn't always in the finest harmony.

Think of them all, these pianos, scattered about the country, each one silently (so far as intentions go) doing its part to add to the sum total of our noise! If they could all be mobilized in case of war and marched to the front, what a phalanx they would make!

Some pianos are grand, others, more humbly intentioned, are content to live plain upright lives in unspacious apartments. And then consider those that have seen better days, and linger out their dotage in some remote Sundayschool. And what reverses of morals and fortunes! The fresh young piano, striking out hymns in the schoolroom, may end its days in a mining-camp, degenerately dealing only in ribald vibrations.

To every piano come its joys and its sorrows. First, the tuneful stage, when leaned over by lovers and played upon for dance music, it is the center of gay throngs. A little later, under fresh coats of lustre, its nerves become more tense. Weighed by its own scales, it is, alas! too often found wanting. Then its cracked voice betrays its senility.

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"Haven't you something new?" she asked.

The clerk then brought another pile and showed them to her.

"These are the newest pattern," he said. "You will notice that the edge runs right around the border and the center is in the middle."

The New Ball Room

"Isn't that lovely!" said the lady. "I will take half a dozen of those."

### LITTLE Miss Muffet Sat on a tuffet,

reading the copy of LIFE which, being a wise young person, she had ordered in advance from her newsdealer. She was so absorbed in it that she paid no attention at all to the big spider that sat down beside her.



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## Meekness and Cheekiness

THE MAN: What! Back again? HIS WORRY: Of course; why not?

THE MAN: But I had forgotten you. HIS WORRY: Forgotten an old friend?

THE MAN: You are not my friend. HIS WORRY: Is not the Truth your friend?

THE MAN (feebly): But perhaps you are not the Truth.

HIS WORRY (jumping on his back and getting a strangle hold of his neck): There! Doesn't that feel familiar and real?

THE MAN: Oh! Heaven pity me! Wretched man that I am. (He staggers off, his Worry waving its arms triumphantly.)

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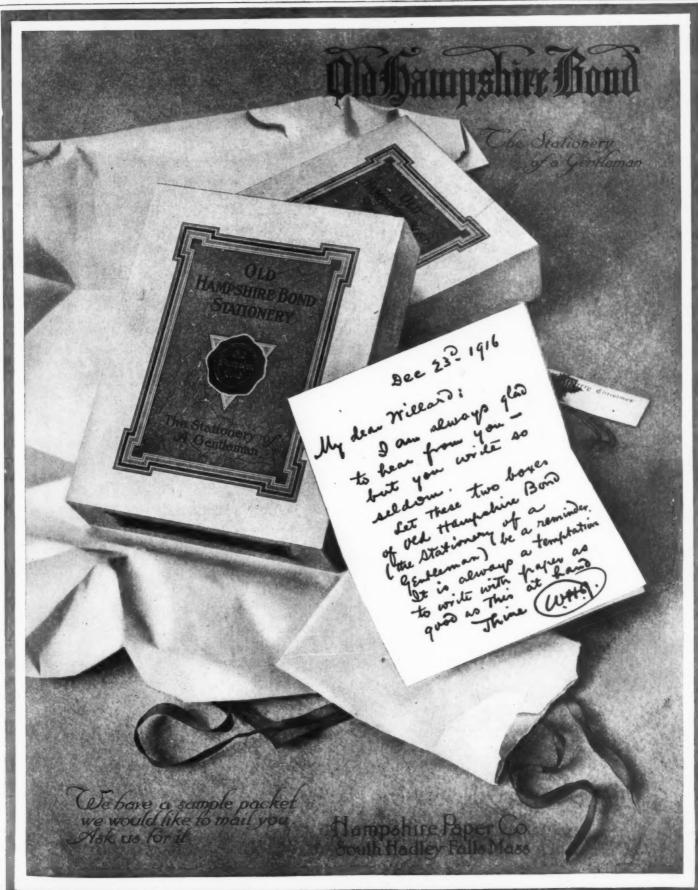
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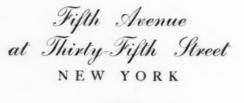
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DURING the greater part of the nineteenth century there was a family in Innsbruch in the Tyrol that possessed and handed down from one generation to another the secret of a curious art—the painting of miniatures on cobweb. They bred the spiders in the grounds behind their home. They placed web on web till they secured the translucent textile they required. And then, with the delicate pigments and deft technique that made part of the family secret, they set illusive yet hauntingly lifelike faces to peering at you from the intangible support of these elfin canvases. Miss Ethel Sidgwick's fiction—"Succession," "Herself," "A Lady of Leisure" and now "Hatchways" (Small, Maynard, \$1.40)—has much in common with this family's trick of catching with a cobweb the semblance of life and the essence of personality

"HATCHWAYS" is the story of a keen young Frenchman's visit to England; of his introduction to a countryside coterie made up of two English families and their immediate intimates; of his unentangled yet conducive share in the working out of the sub-surface dramas of their personal problems and temperamental crises; and of the part played in it all by the continually operative, yet difficult to materialize, impingement of personality on personality. Demanders of downright descriptions and analyzed explanations will lose their way in this deft supplying of the actual essentials of human intercourse. But nowhere more than among the readers of LIFE should delighted appreciators of Miss Sidgwick's "a word to the wise" method in art be found.

L OVERS of downright description enlivened by the pseudosubtleties of adventurous romance will find Stewart Edward White's story of a race across central Africa between an English explorer and a German agent, each bent on enlisting a native king on his country's side in the present war— "The Leopard Woman" (Doubleday, Page, \$1.35)—a vivid and, at least on its adventurous side, a stirring tale. Nowhere have the African veldt and the exigencies of travel in that particular wilderness been more realizably portrayed. But the "leopard woman's" intrusion into the man's world of the adventure will only justify itself to those readers to whom an unconventionally clad lady is her own excuse.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MEXICO?" (Macmillan, 50 cents) is one of the small volumes called Our National Problem Series—the series that was begun with Owen Wister's well-known "Pentecost of Calamity." It is by Caspar Whitney, and contains some interesting comment on Mexican history, Mexican race-mixtures and the hopeless hodge-podge of present conditions in the country. Also a bitter arraignment of President Wilson's handling of the situation as it has developed during his term. But though Doctor Whitney may be a good diagnostician, his suggested remedies sound like faith-cure.

GEORGE MOORE'S prefaces, when he writes them (vide his preface to the American edition of his "Memoirs of My Dead Life"), are quite as characteristically interesting as they are temperamentally different from those of his more preface-writing compatriot, Shaw. He has recently written a preface to "The Brook Kerith," and a new edition of the novel has been issued to include it (Macmillan, \$1.50). It should go far in inducing in intending readers the open-minded mood of human sympathy and self-searching that will prove the open sesame to the book's beauty and garnered wisdom. *J. B. Kerfoot*.



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#### Turning the Tables on Santa Claus

(Continued from page 1030) you can look over at your leisure, sitting up in bed.

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CHORUS: They all love him now. (Others press forward with their tributes.)

SANTA CLAUS (overcome): My dear friends, I never dreamed of this! I cannot speak! It is too much! (They press around him, forming a charming group. Suddenly there is another knocking at the door.) Who's that? VOICE (faintly): It's me!

FATHER TIME: Enter, friend. (A little girl enters. She carries in her hand a bunch of flowers.)

LITTLE GIRL: Excuse me, please; is this where Santa Claus lives?

SANTA CLAUS: Yes.

LITTLE GIRL: Oh, there you are! I always knew you were real. I am so glad to see you.

SANTA CLAUS: And where did you come from?

LITTLE GIRL: I came from all the little boys and girls in the whole world. You see, all our fairy godmothers told us about the party you were to have, and of course they couldn't very well leave us out, could they? Only we thought and we thought, and we couldn't think of a thing you wanted ! But they have sent me with these forget-me-nots, and they all said : " Thank dear old Santa Claus for all he has done for us, and may nothing ever happen to him."

FATHER TIME (setting her up in his lap): I'll take care of that, my dear, never fear. He's too valuable ever to lose. And now, Mother Goose, do begin the festivities by telling us about that cow. I shall simply never get tired of hearing the way she jumped over the moon! Curtain

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#### A Useful Invention

#### (Continued from page 1008)

"When he went home that night she was hard at it scrubbing the stairs. There was no sign of anything to eat, but he expected that and had a snack before he went in.

"'Only ten minutes this time, my sweetest,' he said, and picked her up again. She cried and carried on, of course, but he was used to that—we all get used to it after a time. She was all right for the rest of the day and he let her alone, but every time he spoke to her, it was 'lovey' or 'dovey' or 'darling' or 'pet'—just so she shouldn't forget.

"The next day was Saturday and, as they was going to see some friends in the afternoon, there was a truce, but on Sunday, just after dinner, she broke out again and he saw another dose of treatment was wanted. He picked her up and carried her out of the kitchen into the parlor and he surprised himself by the number of loving words he found for her.

"There was some kids playing out in the street, and one little girl happened to look in at the window and, I suppose, went and spread the tale, for soon after, about seventeen women who lived near came sauntering past the house and had a look in. As soon as he spotted them he went outside and asked them if they wanted to borrow anything.

"'Because if you do,' said he, 'you can't have it, and if you don't, you can clear out and look in your own windows.' They hung about a bit longer and then they went off, one by one, and were happy for the rest of the



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day, having something fresh to talk about.

"And that done it. She couldn't look the neighbors in the eye, and, having no pals handy to talk to, she had to pal on with him. And since then they get on all right and he's got his comfortable home again, where he can sit and smoke in the parlor with his boots on, and she's getting plump and good looking again, through not being worked to death with house-cleaning. But it's never safe to trust to appearances, and he never speaks to her in private without calling her a peach, or a rosebud, or some other silly thing, just to keep her steady."

"How do you account for it?" I asked.

"The only reason for it I can make out is that everybody's afraid of what they ain't used to. A sailor gets used

to storms and things of that kind, but the first time he finds himself in the middle of a London street with buses. and carts, and trams, and motor-bykes all round him he goes blue with fearnot being used to it like you and me. And that's the way with a woman after she's married. They're so used to being cuffed and shouted at that they don't give it no attention, but if you try the sweetheart dodge on 'em, it's something out of the usual and it scares 'em to death. You've got your own troubles at home, of course, like the rest of us-you try it on and see what happens."

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"Have you tried it yourself?"

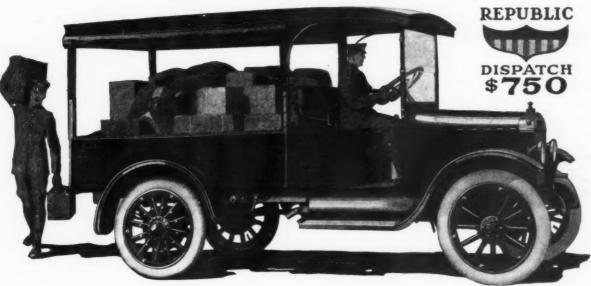
He shook his head mournfully. "Every now and then it comes over me that I should like to try it," he said, "but everybody ain't born a hero, and when I think of my old woman—"

#### On Being Foolish

BE as foolish as you like, but, if you want to keep on good terms with the world, guard carefully against being foolish in unconventional ways. That's what the world objects to. The world will stand for a great deal of foolishness if it is the kind that everybody else indulges in. There are dozens of kinds of respectable foolishnesses, ranging all the ways from sins to peccadilloes, which the world may pretend to execrate, but is always ready to excuse; but woe unto him who tries to branch out and be foolish along new lines. There is no excuse for that whatsoever, and, in the unwritten law, it constitutes grounds for an absolute divorce from the world.



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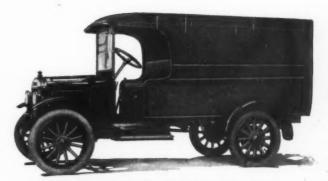
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#### Not a Christmas Message

MRS. THOMPSON, the young daughter of Champ Clark, is national chairman of the Woman's National Made-in-U. S. A. League, and in that capacity has issued an exhortation to Christmas shoppers, as follows:

A "made in America Christmas" would be a splendid lesson for the youth of the country. It would teach them that the first idea of industrial preparedness is to patronize and develop home industries. In this regard women can play a great part as the spenders of the national income. They should show a patriotic preference for American-made goods.

Let us free ourselves from the tyranny of the word "imported," and write a Christmas message this year that will be a declaration of industrial independence for this nation.

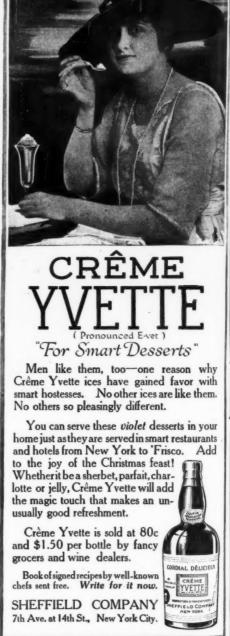
Home industries in this country were never so well able to take care of themselves as this year. Foreign industries never so much deserved American support. We have been draining all Allied Europe of money. Our exports are enormous; our great affair in trade is to help to make it possible for the nations in Europe, with whom alone we trade, to pay their debts to us. Self-interest and concern for general human welfare combine this year to prompt us to buy from harried Europe anything she can produce that we have need of. In that way we can help her out a little in her great distress.

We are under no tyranny of the word "imported" this year. The boot is quite on the other foot. We are sending abroad more of our substance than we can spare, and are not able to get from abroad enough of what we need. A "declaration of industrial independence" is never a Christmas message, for it flouts the whole idea of the solidarity of nations, which is the Christmas idea. It is a declaration that we are sufficient unto ourselves, and live to ourselves alone.

Such a declaration is always foolish, but this year it is grotesque.

Would it not be a good plan for the Woman's National Made-in-U. S. A. League to suspend its activities until after the war?

T.1E Christmas Spirit was perched on the foot of Scrooge's bed. "Scrooge," he said, in cheery toncs, "one of the worst sins of omission I have charged up against you is that on two occasions you failed to order your copy of LIFE in advance from your newsdealer and then found that your disposition was soured because he had sold out.





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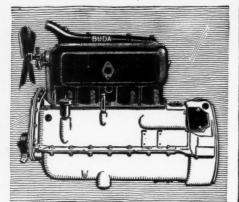
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By increasing the amount of goods, commodities and other worldly possessions within its borders.

How does the Nation propose to do this? By manufacturing great quantities of goods and storing them away in warehouses?

No. The Nation proposes to become prosperous by securing a favorable balance of trade.

What do you mean by a favorable balance of trade?

A favorable balance of trade is a condition of affairs where more goods are sent out of the country than are brought in.

Do you mean to say that a Nation



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can become prosperous by sending out more goods than it brings in?

Exactly that. It is an axiom of trade.

But how do you explain it? I do not explain it. If you want an explanation you will have to go to some university and ask a political economist.

The political economists are able to explain it then?

Oh, yes. The political economists are able to explain it at great length, but not so that you can understand it. Ellis O. Jones.



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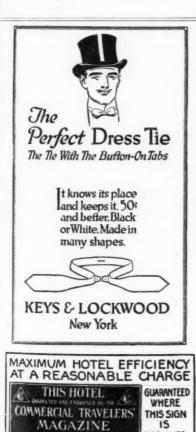
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Horses, when turned out to pasture, are more prone to take their rest lying down than when confined in stable stalls, but even when practically free from human restraint and observation, or any likelihood of danger, they seldom take more than an hour each night in the recumbent position, and that period is generally indulged in at about midnight.

A noted veterinarian says: " There are some curious facts regarding the disposition of horses in the matter of lying down. To a hard-working horse repose is almost as much of a necessity as food and water, but tired as he may be, he is an animal very shy about lying down. I have known instances where stablemen declared that horses in their charge had never been known to take a rest in that manner, but always slept standing. In some of these instances the animals were constantly under human watchfulness night and day, and in other cases the conclusions were arrived at because no marks of the bedding were ever found upon their coats. I now recall an instance of a horse that stood in a stall near the entrance of a livery stable. No one ever saw that animal lying down within a period of fifteen years, and he finally died standing."

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But to return to horses. It has always been said that they "sleep with one eye open," and are constantly on guard. An Indian shod in cotton felt moccasins, practising all the sly arts of his people, could not, with the wind in his favor, approach a sleeping horse without being detected. No odds how weary a horse may be, his ears are constantly turning and twisting, so that their funnels may catch the slightest unusual noises. —Inland Farmer,

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